

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-67a09. Child rape protection act; submission of fetal tissue from certain abortions; physicians' duties; rules and regulations; noncompliance, penalties. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the child rape protection act.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Abortion" has the meaning provided in K.S.A. 65-6701, and amendments thereto.

(2) "Physician" means any person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

(c) Any physician who performs an abortion on a minor who was less than 14 years of age at the time of the abortion procedure shall preserve, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this section, fetal tissue extracted during such abortion. The physician shall submit such tissue to the Kansas bureau of investigation or to a laboratory designated by the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation.

(d) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing:

(1) The amount and type of fetal tissue to be preserved and submitted by a physician pursuant to this section;

(2) procedures for the proper preservation of such tissue for the purpose of DNA testing and examination;

(3) procedures for documenting the chain of custody of such tissue for use as evidence;

(4) procedures for proper disposal of fetal tissue preserved pursuant to this section;

(5) a uniform reporting instrument mandated to be utilized by physicians when submitting fetal tissue under this section which shall include the name of the physician submitting the fetal tissue and the name, complete address of residence and name of the parent or legal guardian of the minor upon whom the abortion was performed; and

(6) procedures for communication with law enforcement agencies regarding evidence and information obtained pursuant to this section.

(e) Failure of a physician to comply with any provision of this section or any rule or regulation adopted hereunder:

(1) Shall constitute unprofessional conduct for the purposes of K.S.A. 65-2837, and amendments thereto; and

(2) is a class A, nonperson misdemeanor upon a first conviction and a severity level 10, nonperson felony upon a second or subsequent conviction.

History: L. 2005, ch. 149, § 3; July 1.