

HB 7 -- FETAL TISSUE

SPONSOR: Franklin

This bill requires that all organs and tissue removed at the time of an abortion be submitted to a pathologist for examination. The pathologist shall file a copy of a report on the sample with the Department of Health and Senior Services and each sample shall be given a unique identification number for tracking.

The bill requires that a report shall be created and submitted to the department for each sample at each facility that handles the sample, including the abortion facility, the pathology lab, and the location of final disposition. If the department does not receive a report, it could lead to the suspension of the abortion facility or hospital's license for no less than one year. Each year, the department shall make an annual report to the General Assembly.

This bill contains an emergency clause.