AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to pelvic examinations, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.240, to read as follows:

191.240. 1. A health care provider shall not knowingly perform a pelvic examination on a woman who is anesthetized or unconscious in a health care facility unless:

(1) The woman or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the woman has given specific informed consent to the examination;

(2) The examination is necessary for diagnostic or treatment purposes; or

(3) A court orders the performance of the examination for the collection of evidence.

2. A health care provider who violates subsection 1 of this section is subject to discipline by any licensing board that licenses the health care provider.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.