

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to informed consent for pelvic
 3 examinations; creating s. 456.51, F.S.; defining the
 4 term "pelvic examination"; prohibiting a health care
 5 practitioner from performing a pelvic examination on a
 6 patient without first obtaining the written consent of
 7 the patient or the patient's legal representative;
 8 providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 456.51, Florida Statutes, is created to
 13 read:

14 456.51 Health care practitioners; consent for pelvic
 15 examinations.-

16 (1) As used in this section, the term "pelvic examination"
 17 means the direct palpation of the organs of the female internal
 18 reproductive system.

19 (2) A health care practitioner may not perform a pelvic
 20 examination on a patient without the written consent of the
 21 patient or the patient's legal representative executed specific
 22 to, and expressly identifying, the pelvic examination, unless:

23 (a) A court orders performance of the pelvic examination
 24 for the collection of evidence; or

25 (b) The pelvic examination is immediately necessary to

26 | avert a serious risk of imminent substantial and irreversible
27 | physical impairment of a major bodily function of the patient.

28 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.