

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Gibson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to uterine fibroid research and
3 education; creating s. 381.9312, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring the Department of Health to
5 develop and maintain an electronic database of
6 information related to uterine fibroids; providing a
7 specified purpose for such database; requiring that
8 the database include specified information; requiring
9 health care providers to submit certain information to
10 the department for inclusion in the database;
11 prohibiting the database from including any personal
12 identifying information; providing that such
13 information is confidential; authorizing certain
14 persons to use such information for a specified
15 purpose; requiring the department to develop and
16 include information related to fibroids in certain
17 literature currently made available to the public for
18 a specified purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 381.9312, Florida Statutes, is created
23 to read:

24 381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and
25 public awareness.-

26 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

27 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

28 (b) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under
29 chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an autonomous advanced practice

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30 registered nurse registered under s. 464.0123.

31 (c) "Uterine fibroid" means a noncancerous growth of the
32 uterus that often appears during a woman's childbearing years.

33 (2) UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH DATABASE.—

34 (a) The department shall develop and maintain an electronic
35 database consisting of information related to uterine fibroids.
36 The purpose of the database is to encourage research relating to
37 the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and to ensure
38 that women are provided with the relevant information and health
39 care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids. The
40 database must include, but need not be limited to, all of the
41 following information:

42 1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with uterine
43 fibroids in this state.

44 2. Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine
45 fibroids in this state.

46 3. Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by
47 health care providers in this state.

48 (b) A health care provider who diagnoses or treats a woman
49 with uterine fibroids shall submit information relating to such
50 diagnosis or treatment to the department in a form and manner
51 prescribed by department rule for inclusion in the database.
52 Such information may be submitted along with any reports or
53 other information that the health care provider is required to
54 submit to the department pursuant to state law.

55 (c) The database may not include any personal identifying
56 information of women diagnosed with or treated for uterine
57 fibroids. Such information is confidential and may be used only
58 by employees or agents of the department for the purpose of

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59 conducting uterine fibroid research.

60 (3) UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PUBLIC
61 AWARENESS.—The department shall develop and include information
62 related to fibroids in literature on women's health care and
63 other related health care which is currently made available to
64 the public to increase public awareness of uterine fibroids. The
65 information must include, but need not be limited to, the
66 following:

67 (a) Possible risk factors for developing uterine fibroids.

68 (b) Range of available treatment options that are
69 considered alternatives to hysterectomy.

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.