

Senate Amendment 3355

Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [House File 693](#) as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 9, by inserting after line 4 the
1 4 following:
1 5 "Sec. ____ . OBSTETRICAL STUDY.
1 6 1. a. The Iowa department of public health shall
1 7 conduct a study to verify the number of physicians by
1 8 county practicing in Iowa who are engaged in
1 9 obstetrical deliveries without regard to the
1 10 physicians' areas of practice, specialties, or the
1 11 areas of board certification. The department shall
1 12 further certify the number of specialists licensed as
1 13 obstetricians and gynecologists by county.
1 14 b. The department shall additionally request from
1 15 each physician engaged in obstetrical deliveries a
1 16 copy of the malpractice insurance coverage maintained
1 17 by each physician, the company providing the coverage,
1 18 the annual premium paid, and any applicable
1 19 deductible.
1 20 2. a. The department shall conduct the study
1 21 under subsection 1 within six months of the effective
1 22 date of this Act and shall annually update the study,
1 23 with a copy of the report to be delivered to the
1 24 general assembly each year by January 15.
1 25 b. The department shall include in the annual
1 26 report an analysis of the impact of this Act, if any,
1 27 on the number of claims or actions commenced against
1 28 physicians engaged in obstetrical deliveries. The
1 29 department shall also include in the annual report the
1 30 number and percentage of increase or decrease from the
1 31 previous year of physicians practicing in rural Iowa
1 32 engaged in the delivery of babies or care of minors
1 33 under the age of six.
1 34 3. The commissioner of insurance shall report by
1 35 January 15 of each year to the general assembly
1 36 whether medical malpractice premiums for pediatricians
1 37 and obstetricians have been reduced since the
1 38 effective date of this Act."
1 39 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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1 43 COMMITTEE ON [JUDICIARY](#)
1 44 ANDY McKEAN, Chairperson
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