CHAPTER 2016-113

Senate Bill No. 586

An act relating to responsibilities of health care providers; repealing s. 383.336, F.S., relating to practice parameters for physicians performing caesarean section deliveries in provider hospitals; creating s. 395.0192, F.S.; requiring a hospital to notify certain obstetrical physicians within a specified timeframe before the hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide obstetrical services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. <u>Section 383.336, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>

Section 2. Section 395.0192, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

<u>395.0192</u> Duty to notify physicians.—A hospital shall notify each obstetrical physician who has privileges at the hospital at least 120 days before the hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide obstetrical services.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 2016.

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