Meeting Notice

To: All Committee Members

From: Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman

Date: August 1, 2022

Subject: Committee Meeting

The Medical Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 17 at 9:00 in Room 105. Following a midday break, the Committee will reconvene promptly, 30 minutes later. The meeting will continue until all registered participants have addressed the Committee.

Agenda

Receipt of public comment regarding abortion law in SC pursuant to the SCOTUS Dobbs decision:

1. 9:00 - 12:00 Interrogative testimony from individuals invited by Committee
2. 12:00 - 12:30 Break
3. 12:30 - Public comment

Individuals may address the subject within the context of a Bill filed and in the possession of the Committee, but are also welcome to make broader comments regarding their preferences for new statutory law.

Members of the public may register using the following link:

https://forms.gle/YtsXgNaDVL89sFrJA

Please be aware of the following conditions concerning this hearing:
1. Only electronic registration will be accepted; there will be no “walk-up” testimony.
2. In-person public testimony is offered to no more than 100 individuals; there will be no virtual testimony.
3. Registration will be closed 72 hours prior to the meeting, irrespective of unfilled speaking slots.
4. There will be a strict three-minute limit on individual responses to the committee.
5. Decorum will be maintained; individuals engaging in audible demonstrations will be removed.

Further information about the electronic registration process

At the time of your registration, if you are in doubt as to whether or not it was received, please contact our office at (803) 212 - 6250. Following the closing of registration, all participants will be sent a sequentially numbered electronic receipt. When you arrive at the Gressette Building, you will present this receipt to security. Depending on your number, you will either be admitted to the hearing room or you will be directed to an overflow area where you will be able to watch the proceedings. If you are in overflow, you will be advised when your time to speak is approaching and security will escort you to the hearing room.

Please realize that the above conditions are set forth in light of security considerations. This process needs to be carried out with concerns for the safety of all involved and for the utility of participation, allowing the maximum contribution by the public to this extremely important legislative process.

Additional means of public input

The Senate Medical Affairs Committee always endeavors to maximize the methods of participation for members of the public interested in business before the Committee. This issue is no exception -- we will gladly receive any emails, attached documents or personal videos from individuals not wishing or able to address the Committee, as well as those that will be present and speaking to the Committee in person. Please send electronic communication and attachments to the Committee at:

smedicomm@scsenate.gov
(Please use “Dobbs” or a relevant bill # in Subject line)

Written contributions will also be accepted. Please address them to:

Senate Medical Affairs Committee
Attn: Research Director
PO Box 142
Gressette Building 412
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If you find that you still have questions, please contact the Committee office, (803) 212 - 6250.