A bill to be entitled

An act relating to uterine fibroid research and education; creating s. 381.9312, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Health to develop and maintain an electronic database of information related to uterine fibroids; providing a specified purpose for such database; requiring that the database include specified information; requiring health care providers to submit certain information to the department for inclusion in the database; prohibiting the database from including any personal identifying information; providing that such information is confidential; authorizing certain persons to use such information for a specified purpose; requiring the department to develop and include information related to fibroids in certain literature currently made available to the public for a specified purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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

381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and public awareness.—

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

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

(b) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0123.

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

(2) UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH DATABASE.—

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

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

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

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

(b) A health care provider who diagnoses or treats a woman with uterine fibroids shall submit information relating to such diagnosis or treatment to the department in a form and manner

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prescribed by department rule for inclusion in the database. Such information may be submitted along with any reports or other information that the health care provider is required to submit to the department pursuant to state law.

(3) UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS.—The department shall develop and include information related to uterine fibroids in its women's health care educational materials currently made available to the public. The information must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(a) Possible risk factors for developing uterine fibroids.

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

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

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