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Dignity for Aborted Children Act

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119 HR 798	Identical bill	Jan 28, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill establishes requirements for abortion providers with respect to the disposal of human fetal tissue from an abortion.

Specifically, it requires abortion providers to obtain a patient's informed consent for one of two specified methods of disposition and to retain the corresponding documentation in the patient's file.

First, patients may choose to retain possession of the tissue. A patient may choose to transfer the tissue to an entity that provides interment or cremation services.

Second, patients may choose to release the tissue to the provider. Providers must ensure any tissue released to them is interred or cremated within seven days of the procedure in a manner consistent with state law regarding the disposal of human remains.

Abortion providers must submit reports annually to the Department of Health and Human Services about these requirements and other specified information.

The bill establishes civil penalties for violations of the requirement to retain documentation of informed consent, and it establishes criminal penalties for violations of the requirement regarding the disposal of human fetal tissue.

