



# SUPPORT HB 480

Medical Records Amendments  
Sponsor, Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

## Miscarriage is Not a Choice

Medical records often use the term “abortion” to document pregnancy loss before viability, including miscarriage. While clinically accurate, this terminology can cause significant patient distress due to its social and emotional meaning. This can impact patients in the following ways:

### Feeling Misrepresented

- Implies pregnancy loss was chosen
- Reframes grief as a decision
- Misrepresents patient experience

### Shock and Confusion

- Unaware miscarriage coded as “spontaneous abortion”
- Follow-up care labeled abortion-related
- Terminology often unexplained

### Grief Re-triggering

- Reopens emotional trauma
- Triggers guilt or self-blame
- Reinforces loss of control

### Trust Concerns with Providers

- Patients may question why clearer explanations were not provided
- Whether providers are being transparent
- How future records will be documented

This is a medical records clarity bill NOT an abortion regulation bill. Its purpose is to reduce patient distress and improve documentation language, not to expand or restrict reproductive rights.

## Scope of HB480

### Does

- Reduces Preventable Patient Distress
- Maintains Medical Accuracy
- Improves Transparency & Trust in Healthcare

### Does Not

- Does not change who can obtain an abortion
- Does not restrict providers from offering abortions
- Does not affect insurance coverage or medical eligibility
- Does not alter existing abortion law or exceptions

# VOTE YES on HB 480