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Gentilly medical clinic that provides abortions is shut down again

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For the second time this summer, the state says it has shut down a **Gentilly medical clinic** that provides abortions. The Department of Health and Hospitals on Tuesday issued a cease and desist order to Gentilly Medical Clinic at **3030 Gentilly Blvd.** The order flows from an inspection in May that found that "the facility failed to provide nursing services to meet the needs of its patients and adequately monitor women in recovery following a procedure."



Ted Jackson, The Times-Picayune

The Gentilly Medical Clinic for Women Family Planning at 3030 Gentilly Blvd., shown when it was shut down in May, was closed again Tuesday by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The state revoked the clinic's license then, and also forced the clinic to suspend operations immediately under provisions of a **new state law**, Act 490.

DHH spokeswoman Lisa Faust said the clinic later reopened under a temporary court order, but it didn't file a timely appeal to DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein's underlying license revocation.

That's the action that takes effect now, she said.

Greenstein's order completes the state's administrative closure of the clinic, Faust said.

A court appeal still is possible.

Faust said three clinics in the New Orleans area remain open to provide the procedure. Two others are in Shreveport, and one is in Baton Rouge.

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This article will no doubt lead to the usual hundred or so posts that allow one and all to rant and rave about the same old issues. Why not simply print the last long list of diatribes, pieties, and irrelevant shots at sexism, feminism, welfare queens, and racism? No one's mind has ever been changed by the usual heated arguments on this subject.

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dankoman - agreed. about 40 years ago I listened to a debate regarding some form of abortion funding in the hallowed halls of congress. The arguments are the same today. To briefly summarize them there are those who would legislate morality and forbid women from doing what they will do and others who believe it is fine to not have an abortion if that is your choice. If you choose not to have an abortion that is fine as well - the emphasis is on making the choice as a responsible adult. Compulsion in regards to personal behavior mostly fails. Life is precious - those who disrespect the rights of living adults pose a certain dysfunction for our society as a whole.

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hmmm - choose to have a child or choose not to - if you don't believe in abortion then don't have one but don't think that those are universal values.

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Yes, indeed. :)

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Right on, Dankomam!

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i had an abortion here a long time ago. The staff and quality of care was top notch. i'm really grateful for this place. I hope they appeal and reopen.

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A good friend went there this summer and nearly died from what they did to her. She had to be rushed to an ER and the physical damage she suffered is nothing compared to the psychological abuses and horrible bedside manners they inflicted upon her. Those horrible people care about nothing but money and I hope they lose every penny they have to malpractice and other lawsuits.

By the way, well said dankoman & thomas perl.

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