

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1786

By: Representative Pilkington

By: Senator C. Penzo

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION TO  
SAVE THE LIFE OF A PREGNANT WOMAN IN A MEDICAL  
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION  
TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A PREGNANT WOMAN IN A  
MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-9-302(a)(1)(B), concerning the licensing of abortion clinics, health centers, and other healthcare entities, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) A hospital shall not perform an abortion unless the abortion is to save the life of the pregnant woman in a medical emergency under § 5-61-304 or § 5-61-404.

(ii) An abortion permitted under § 5-61-304 or § 5-61-404 shall not be performed or attempted unless the abortion takes place in a hospital or an emergency room.

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