

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1551

By: Representative Gazaway

By: Senator Gilmore

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRIMINAL ABORTION;  
TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF COERCED CRIMINAL ABORTION BY  
MEANS OF FRAUD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRIMINAL  
ABORTION; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF  
COERCED CRIMINAL ABORTION BY MEANS OF  
FRAUD.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*5-61-103. Coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud.*

*(a) As used in this section:*

*(1) "Abortion" means a chemical abortion as defined in § 20-16-2502; and*

*(2)(A) "Abortion-inducing drug" means a medicine, drug, combination of drugs or chemicals, or any other substance used with the intent of causing an abortion including without limitation off-label use of drugs known to have abortion-inducing properties, such as mifepristone, RU-486, Mifeprex, Cytotec, misoprostol, and methotrexate.*

*(B) "Abortion-inducing drug" does not include:*

*(i) Drugs that may be known to increase the risk of miscarriage, but which are prescribed for other medical indications such as chemotherapeutic agents or diagnostic drugs; and*



(ii) Contraceptives, emergency contraceptives, or methotrexate when used to treat an ectopic pregnancy.

(b) A person commits coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud if he or she knowingly administers or gives an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant woman without her knowledge or consent with the purpose to cause an abortion.

(c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class B felony.

(d) A prosecution under this section does not prevent prosecution under another section if a person commits coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud and the use of an abortion-inducing drug causes the death or bodily injury of the pregnant woman or an unborn child.

/s/Gazaway

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