

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1684

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO SAVE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; AND TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO SAVE THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-61-303(3), concerning the definition of "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~ injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-61-304(a), concerning the prohibitions under the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an abortion except to save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-61-403(3), concerning the definition of "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~ injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-61-404(a), concerning the prohibitions under the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an abortion except to save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency.