

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO ADD EXCEPTIONS FOR A PREGNANCY THAT IS THE RESULT OF INCEST OR RAPE, IN THE CASE OF A FETAL ABNORMALITY INCOMPATIBLE WITH LIFE, AND TO SAVE THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY; TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO ADD CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

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:

(1) To ~~to~~ save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency;

(2) When the pregnancy is the result of incest for which a report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office alleging the offense of incest, § 5-26-202, or the sexual assault of a minor;

(3) When the pregnancy is the result of a rape for which a report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office alleging the offense of rape, § 5-14-103; or

(4) In the case of a fetal abnormality incompatible with life.

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:

(1) To ~~to~~ save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency;

(2) When the pregnancy is the result of incest for which a report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office alleging the offense of incest, § 5-26-202, or the sexual assault of a minor;

(3) When the pregnancy is the result of a rape for which a report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's office alleging the offense of rape, § 5-14-103; or

(4) In the case of a fetal abnormality incompatible with life.