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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1684

5
6 By: Representative D. Garner

7 Filed with: House Committee on Judiciary
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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21 EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE
22 PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN
23 CHILD PROTECTION ACT; AND TO ADD AN
24 EXCEPTION TO SAVE THE HEALTH OF THE
25 MOTHER.

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

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

33 (3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion
34 is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or
35 health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~

1 injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition
2 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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27 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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