

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995

A Bill

SENATE BILL 473

4 By: Senators Walters, Jeffries, Boozman, Brown, Scott, Hopkins, Cassady, and
5 Russ

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT,
10 PLAN, OR POLICY SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ELECTIVE
11 ABORTIONS EXCEPT BY AN OPTIONAL RIDER; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "PROVIDE THAT NO HEALTH INSURANCE
16 CONTRACT, PLAN, OR POLICY SHALL PROVIDE
17 COVERAGE FOR ELECTIVE ABORTIONS EXCEPT
18 BY AN OPTIONAL RIDER"

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

22 SECTION 1. No health insurance contracts, plans, or policies delivered
23 or issued for delivery in this state by any insurer, health maintenance
24 organization, or any other entity shall provide coverage for elective
25 abortions except by an optional rider for which there must be paid an
26 additional premium. For purposes of this section, an "elective abortion"
27 means an abortion for any reason other than a spontaneous abortion or to
28 prevent the risk of death or other serious health risks to the female upon
29 whom the abortion is performed.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall be applicable only to contracts, plans, or
32 policies written, issued, renewed, or revised, after the effective date of
33 this act.

35 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

3

4 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

9

10 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

1
2
3