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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1351

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5 *By: Representatives Hendren, Simon, Magnus, Fuqua, Joe Hudson, Hausam, Ferguson, Bryant, Willems, Thomas, and DeLay*
6 *By: Senators Boozman and Jeffries*

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO BAN PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO BAN PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS."

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

18 SECTION 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the "Partial-Birth
19 Abortion Ban Act of 1997".

21 SECTION 2. Definitions. As used in this act, "partial-birth abortion"
22 means an abortion in which the person performing the abortion partially
23 vaginally delivers a fetus resulting in the termination of the pregnancy or a
24 partial-birth abortion as defined by the United States Supreme Court in any
25 opinion issued after the effective date of this act.

27 SECTION 3. Partial-birth abortion prohibited. Whoever intentionally
28 performs a partial-birth abortion shall be subject to disciplinary action by
29 the State Medical Board, except when the partial-birth abortion was necessary
30 to save the life of the woman upon whom it was performed or avert serious
31 health consequences to the woman. Disciplinary action taken by the State
32 Medical Board against a physician who violates this act shall include a fine
33 not greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or suspension of the
34 physician's license for a period not greater than one (1) year, or revocation
35 of the physician's license, as determined by the board.

36 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

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

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4 SECTION 5. 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.

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11 hereby repealed.

12 */s/Rep. Hendren, et al*

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