

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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As Engrossed: H2/3/99
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1362

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5 By: Representative Minton
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE UAMS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO
10 DETERMINE THE AGE AT WHICH UNBORN BABIES BEGIN TO FEEL
11 PAIN AND THE AMOUNT OF PAIN INFLICTED ON UNBORN BABIES
12 BY VARIOUS ABORTION METHODS USED IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES. "

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15 **Subtitle**

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this act:

27 (1) "Abortion methods" means medical procedures used to terminate
28 pregnancies including dilation and evacuation, suction curettage, dilation and
29 extraction with labor induction, hysterectomy, saline, and suction aspiration;

30 (2) "Pain" means an unpleasant sensory or emotional experience or
31 both associated with actual or potential tissue damage or described in terms
32 of actual or potential tissue damage, including the location, quality,
33 radiation, frequency and triggering agents of an unpleasant sensory or
34 emotional experience or both associated with actual or potential tissue
35 damage; and

36 (3) "Unborn babies" means fetuses in utero from the time of

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SECTION 2. (a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall conduct a study to determine:

- (1) The age at which unborn babies *begin* to feel pain; and
- (2) The amount of pain inflicted on unborn babies by each abortion method used in Arkansas.

(b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall report its findings to the Governor and the Legislative Council not later than January 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

/s/ Minton