

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  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1699

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5 By: Representatives Morris, Rodgers, G. Jeffress, Bledsoe, Files, Taylor, Davis, Seawel  
6 By: Senator Wooldridge

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
11 ELECTIVE ABORTIONS REQUIRE AN OPTIONAL RIDER AND  
12 ADDITIONAL PREMIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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15 "TO PROVIDE THAT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
16 ELECTIVE ABORTIONS REQUIRE AN OPTIONAL  
17 RIDER AND ADDITIONAL PREMIUM."

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

### SECTION 1. Definitions.

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23 As used in this act "elective abortion" means an abortion for any  
24 reason other than a spontaneous abortion. The term shall not include  
25 abortions which are performed to prevent the death or serious risk of  
26 substantial impairment of a 'major bodily function' of the female upon whom  
27 the abortion is performed or abortions where the pregnancy is a result of  
28 incest or rape.

### SECTION 2. Insurance Coverage.

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31 (a) No health insurance contracts, plans, or policies delivered or  
32 issued for delivery in the state shall provide coverage for elective  
33 abortions except by an optional rider for which there must be paid an  
34 additional premium.

35 (b) This section shall be applicable to all contracts, plans or  
36 policies of:



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1           (1) All health insurers providing coverage in the State of  
2 Arkansas;

3           (2) All nonprofit hospital, medical, surgical, dental, and  
4 health service corporations providing coverage in the State of Arkansas; and

5           (3) All health maintenance organizations providing coverage in  
6 the State of Arkansas.

7           (c) This section shall be applicable only to contracts, plans, or  
8 policies written, issued, renewed or revised, after January 1, 2000. For the  
9 purposes of this subsection, if new premiums are charged for a contract, plan  
10 or policy, it shall be determined to be a new contract, plan or policy.

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12           SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
13 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
14 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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