

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2546

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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## Subtitle

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 61 is amended to add an  
23 additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 5-61-301. Partial-birth abortion.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Partial-birth abortion" means an abortion procedure that  
27 includes the deliberate and intentional evacuation of all or a part of the  
28 intracranial contents of a viable fetus before removal of the otherwise  
29 intact fetus from the body of a pregnant woman; and

30 (2) "Partial-birth abortion" shall not include the:

31 (A) Suction curettage abortion procedure;

32 (B) Suction aspiration abortion procedure; or

33 (C) Dilation and evacuation abortion procedure involving  
34 dismemberment of the fetus before removal from the body of a pregnant woman  
35 performed during the first two (2) trimesters of a pregnancy.

36 (b) No person shall perform or induce a partial-birth abortion on a



1 viable fetus unless the person is a physician and has a documented referral  
 2 from another physician not legally or financially affiliated with the  
 3 physician performing or inducing the abortion and both physicians determine:

4 (1) The abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the  
 5 pregnant woman; or

6 (2) A continuation of the pregnancy will cause a substantial and  
 7 irreversible impairment of a major physical or mental function of the  
 8 pregnant woman.

9 (c)(1) If a physician determines in accordance with the provisions of  
 10 subsection (b) of this section that a partial-birth abortion is necessary and  
 11 performs a partial-birth abortion on the pregnant woman, the physician shall,  
 12 without providing the name of the patient, report the determination and the  
 13 reasons for the determination in writing to the Department of Health.

14 (2) The physician shall retain a copy of the written reports  
 15 required under this subsection for not less than five (5) years.

16 (d) A pregnant woman upon whom a partial-birth abortion is performed  
 17 shall not be prosecuted under this section for a conspiracy to violate this  
 18 section.

19 (e)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a right to  
 20 an abortion.

21 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person  
 22 shall not perform an abortion that is prohibited by law.

23 (f) A person who performs a partial-birth abortion in violation of  
 24 this section is guilty of a Class D felony.

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