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4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1684

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL EMERGENCY"  
9 WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE  
10 ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; TO ADD AN  
11 EXCEPTION TO THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT  
12 AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO SAVE  
13 HEALTH OF THE MOTHER IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL  
18 EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE  
19 PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN  
20 CHILD PROTECTION ACT; AND TO ADD AN  
21 EXCEPTION TO SAVE THE HEALTH OF THE  
22 MOTHER.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-61-303(3), concerning the definition of  
29 "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 (3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion  
32 is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or  
33 health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~  
34 injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition  
35 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-61-304(a), concerning the prohibitions  
 2 under the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an  
 4 abortion except to save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical  
 5 emergency.

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 7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-61-403(3), concerning the definition of  
 8 "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is  
 9 amended to read as follows:

10 (3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion  
 11 is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or  
 12 health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~  
 13 injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition  
 14 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and

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 16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-61-404(a), concerning the prohibitions  
 17 under the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is amended to read as  
 18 follows:

19 (a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an  
 20 abortion except to save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a medical  
 21 emergency.

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