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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1551

5 By: Representative Gazaway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRIMINAL ABORTION;
10 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF COERCED CRIMINAL ABORTION BY
11 MEANS OF FRAUD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRIMINAL
16 ABORTION; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF
17 COERCED CRIMINAL ABORTION BY MEANS OF
18 FRAUD.
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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, Subchapter 1, is amended*
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 *5-61-103. Coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud.*

25 *(a) As used in this section:*

26 *(1) "Abortion" means a chemical abortion as defined in § 20-16-*
27 *2502; and*

28 *(2)(A) "Abortion-inducing drug" means a medicine, drug,*
29 *combination of drugs or chemicals, or any other substance used with the*
30 *intent of causing an abortion including without limitation off-label use of*
31 *drugs known to have abortion-inducing properties, such as mifepristone, RU-*
32 *486, Mifeprex, Cytotec, misoprostol, and methotrexate.*

33 *(B) "Abortion-inducing drug" does not include:*

34 *(i) Drugs that may be known to increase the risk of*
35 *miscarriage, but which are prescribed for other medical indications such as*
36 *chemotherapeutic agents or diagnostic drugs; and*



1 (ii) Contraceptives, emergency contraceptives, or
2 methotrexate when used to treat an ectopic pregnancy.

3 (b) A person commits coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud if he
4 or she knowingly administers or gives an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant
5 woman without her knowledge or consent with the purpose to cause an abortion.

6 (c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section upon
7 conviction is guilty of a Class B felony.

8 (d) A prosecution under this section does not prevent prosecution
9 under another section if a person commits coerced criminal abortion by means
10 of fraud and the use of an abortion-inducing drug causes the death or bodily
11 injury of the pregnant woman or an unborn child.

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