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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1551

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5 By: Representative Gazaway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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

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

28 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section upon
29 conviction is guilty of a:

30 (1) Class C felony; or

31 (2) Class B felony if the gestational age of the unborn child
32 was more than three (3) months at the time the violation occurred.

33 (c) A prosecution under this section does not prevent prosecution
34 under another section if a person commits coerced criminal abortion by means
35 of fraud and the use of an abortion-inducing drug causes the death or bodily
36 injury of the pregnant woman.

