

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1551

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5 By: Representative Gazaway

6 By: Senator Gilmore

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

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

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

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(a) As used in this section:

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(1) "Abortion" means a chemical abortion as defined in § 20-16-

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2502; and

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(2)(A) "Abortion-inducing drug" means a medicine, drug,

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combination of drugs or chemicals, or any other substance used with the

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intent of causing an abortion including without limitation off-label use of

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drugs known to have abortion-inducing properties, such as mifepristone, RU-

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486, Mifeprex, Cytotec, misoprostol, and methotrexate.

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

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(i) Drugs that may be known to increase the risk of

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miscarriage, but which are prescribed for other medical indications such as

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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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