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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION  
11 ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO  
12 ADD EXCEPTIONS FOR A PREGNANCY THAT IS THE RESULT OF  
13 INCEST OR RAPE, IN THE CASE OF A FETAL ABNORMALITY  
14 INCOMPATIBLE WITH LIFE, AND TO SAVE THE HEALTH OF THE  
15 MOTHER IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY; TO MODIFY  
16 THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" WITHIN THE  
17 ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS  
18 UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

21 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HUMAN LIFE  
22 PROTECTION ACT AND THE ARKANSAS UNBORN  
23 CHILD PROTECTION ACT TO ADD CERTAIN  
24 EXCEPTIONS.  
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-61-303(3), concerning the definition of  
30 "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended  
31 to read as follows:

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



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-61-304(a), concerning the prohibitions  
3 under the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an  
5 abortion except:

6 (1) To ~~to~~ save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a  
7 medical emergency;

8 (2) When the pregnancy is the result of incest for which a  
9 report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's  
10 office alleging the offense of incest, § 5-26-202, or the sexual assault of a  
11 minor;

12 (3) When the pregnancy is the result of a rape for which a  
13 report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's  
14 office alleging the offense of rape, § 5-14-103; or

15 (4) In the case of a fetal abnormality incompatible with life.  
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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-61-403(3), concerning the definition of  
18 "medical emergency" within the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (3) "Medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion  
21 is necessary to preserve the life or health of a pregnant woman whose life or  
22 health is endangered by a ~~physical~~ disorder, ~~physical~~ illness, or ~~physical~~  
23 injury, including a life-endangering or health-endangering ~~physical~~ condition  
24 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself; and  
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26 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-61-404(a), concerning the prohibitions  
27 under the Arkansas Unborn Child Protection Act, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 (a) A person shall not purposely perform or attempt to perform an  
30 abortion except:

31 (1) To ~~to~~ save the life or health of a pregnant woman in a  
32 medical emergency;

33 (2) When the pregnancy is the result of incest for which a  
34 report has been filed with a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney's  
35 office alleging the offense of incest, § 5-26-202, or the sexual assault of a  
36 minor;

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