# First Regular Session Sixty-ninth General Assembly STATE OF COLORADO

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**HOUSE BILL 13-1033** 

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON ABORTION.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill prohibits abortion and makes any violation a class 3 felony. The following are exceptions to the prohibition:

A licensed physician performs a medical procedure designed or intended to prevent the death of a pregnant mother, if the physician makes reasonable medical efforts under the circumstances to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child in a manner consistent with conventional medical practice;

! A licensed physician provides medical treatment to the mother that results in the accidental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child.

The pregnant mother upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted is not subject to a criminal penalty. The sale and use of contraception is not prohibited by the bill. A conviction related to the abortion prohibition constitutes unprofessional conduct for purposes of physician licensing.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	<b>SECTION 1. Legislative intent.</b> (1) It is the intent of the general
3	assembly to make the practice of abortion illegal in the state of Colorado.
4	In doing so, the general assembly has chosen not to repeal the existing
5	statutes or portions of statutes that relate to abortion in the state of
6	Colorado. It is the intent of the general assembly that those statutes or
7	portions of statutes that relate to abortion not be enforced as long as part
8	9 of article 6 of title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes, is in effect.
9	(2) It is the further intent of the general assembly that if and as
10	long as any portion of part 9 of article 6 of title 18, Colorado Revised
11	Statutes, is declared unconstitutional by an appellate court, the existing
12	statutes or portions of statutes that relate to abortion shall be enforced as
13	law.
14	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 9 to article
15	6 of title 18 as follows:
16	PART 9
17	ABORTION PROHIBITION
18	<b>18-6-901. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 9, unless the
19	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
20	(1) "FERTILIZATION" MEANS THAT POINT IN TIME WHEN A MALE

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1	HUMAN SPERM PENETRATES THE ZONA PELLUCIDA OF A FEMALE HUMAN
2	OVUM.
3	(2) "Pregnant" or "pregnancy" means the human female
4	REPRODUCTIVE CONDITION OF HAVING A LIVING UNBORN HUMAN BEING
5	WITHIN HER BODY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EMBRYONIC AND FETAL AGES
6	OF THE UNBORN CHILD FROM FERTILIZATION TO FULL GESTATION AND
7	CHILDBIRTH.
8	(3) "Unborn human being" or "unborn child" means an
9	INDIVIDUAL LIVING MEMBER OF THE SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS, THROUGHOUT
10	THE ENTIRE EMBRYONIC AND FETAL AGES OF THE UNBORN CHILD FROM
11	FERTILIZATION TO FULL GESTATION AND CHILDBIRTH.
12	<b>18-6-902.</b> Abortion prohibition. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT
13	KNOWINGLY ADMINISTER TO, PRESCRIBE FOR, PROCURE FOR, OR SELL TO
14	A PREGNANT MOTHER ANY MEDICINE, DRUG, OR OTHER SUBSTANCE WITH
15	THE SPECIFIC INTENT OF CAUSING OR ABETTING THE TERMINATION OF THE
16	LIFE OF AN UNBORN HUMAN BEING. A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY USE
17	OR EMPLOY ANY INSTRUMENT OR PROCEDURE UPON A PREGNANT MOTHER
18	WITH THE SPECIFIC INTENT OF CAUSING OR ABETTING THE TERMINATION
19	OF THE LIFE OF AN UNBORN HUMAN BEING.
20	(2) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 3 FELONY.
21	(3) (a) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS A MEDICAL
22	PROCEDURE DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF A
23	PREGNANT MOTHER IS NOT GUILTY OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION IF THE
24	PHYSICIAN MAKES REASONABLE MEDICAL EFFORTS TO PRESERVE BOTH THE
25	LIFE OF THE MOTHER AND THE LIFE OF HER UNBORN CHILD IN A MANNER
26	CONSISTENT WITH CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL PRACTICE.
27	(b) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO PROVIDES MEDICAL TREATMENT

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1	TO A PREGNANT MOTHER THAT RESULTS IN THE ACCIDENTAL OR
2	UNINTENTIONAL INJURY TO OR DEATH OF HER UNBORN CHILD IS NOT
3	GUILTY OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION.
4	(c) A PREGNANT MOTHER UPON WHOM AN ABORTION IS
5	PERFORMED OR ATTEMPTED IS NOT GUILTY OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION.
6	(4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT
7	THE SALE, USE, PRESCRIPTION, OR ADMINISTRATION OF A CONTRACEPTIVE
8	MEASURE, DEVICE, DRUG, OR CHEMICAL, IF IT IS ADMINISTERED PRIOR TO
9	THE TIME WHEN A PREGNANCY COULD BE DETERMINED THROUGH
10	CONVENTIONALMEDICALTESTINGANDIFTHECONTRACE PTIVEMEASURE,
11	DEVICE, DRUG, OR CHEMICAL IS SOLD, USED, PRESCRIBED, OR
12	ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER INSTRUCTIONS.
13	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3.5-101, amend
14	(1) as follows:
15	<b>18-3.5-101. Unlawful termination of pregnancy.</b> (1) A person
16	commits the offense of unlawful termination of a pregnancy if, with intent
17	to terminate unlawfully the pregnancy of another person, the person
18	unlawfully terminates the other person's pregnancy IN A MANNER OTHER
19	THAN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-6-902 (1).
20	<b>SECTION 4.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-36-117, <b>add</b> (1)
21	(nn) as follows:
22	12-36-117. Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional
23	conduct" as used in this article means:
24	(nn) A CONVICTION FOR VIOLATING SECTION 18-6-902, C.R.S.,
25	REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF ABORTIONS.
26	SECTION 5. Potential appropriation. Pursuant to section
27	2-2-703, Colorado Revised Statutes, any bill that results in a net increase

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1	in periods of imprisonment in the state correctional facilities must include
2	an appropriation of moneys that is sufficient to cover any increased
3	capital construction and operational costs for the first five fiscal years in
4	which there is a fiscal impact. Because this act may increase periods of
5	imprisonment, this act may require a five-year appropriation.
6	SECTION 6. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect
7	July 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.
8	SECTION 7. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
9	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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