

# ACT No. 260

HOUSE BILL NO. 278

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 1569(A)(1) and to enact Children's Code  
3 Article 603(1)(d), (26), and (27), relative to child abuse; to add coerced abortion to  
4 the definition of abuse; to define abortion; to define coerced abortion; to authorize  
5 a court to issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting activities associated with  
6 a coerced abortion; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 1569(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and  
9 Children's Code Article 603(1)(d), (26), and (27) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 603. Definitions

11 As used in this Title:

12 (1) "Abuse" means any one of the following acts which seriously endanger  
13 the physical, mental, or emotional health and safety of the child:

14 \* \* \*

15 (d) A coerced abortion conducted upon a child.

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17 (26) "Abortion" means that procedure as defined in R.S. 40:1299.35.1.

18 (27) "Coerced abortion" means the use of force, intimidation, threat of force,  
19 threat of deprivation of food and shelter, or the deprivation of food and shelter by a

