



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 74

LCO No. 1097



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) Except as provided in
2 subsection (b) of this section, a person is guilty of performing female
3 genital mutilation when such person knowingly circumcises, excises or
4 infibulates the whole or any part of the labia majora or labia minora or
5 clitoris of a person under the age of eighteen.

6 (b) A surgical operation is not a violation of subsection (a) of this
7 section if such operation is (1) necessary to the health of the person on
8 whom it is performed, and is performed by a physician licensed
9 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes; or (2) performed on a
10 person in labor or who has just given birth for a medical purpose related
11 to such labor or birth by a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of
12 the general statutes, a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377
13 of the general statutes or a person in training to become such a physician
14 or nurse-midwife. For purposes of this subsection, a surgical operation
15 is not (A) necessary to the health of the person on whom it is performed,
16 or (B) for a medical purpose, if the basis for such necessity or purpose is

17 based on the belief of the person performing the operation or any other
18 person that such operation is required as a matter of custom or ritual.

19 (c) Performing female genital mutilation is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]