

HOUSE BILL No. 1211

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-34-2.

Synopsis: Abortion matters. Provides that a person may not knowingly or intentionally perform a dismemberment abortion unless a physician reasonably believes that performing the dismemberment abortion is necessary to: (1) prevent serious health risks to the mother; or (2) save the mother's life. Provides that the penalty for performing a dismemberment abortion is a Level 5 felony. Provides that certain individuals: (1) may petition for an injunction; (2) may bring an action for the recovery of damages; and (3) are entitled to attorney's fees; if a dismemberment abortion is performed. Provides anonymity safeguards in court or administrative actions for a woman on whom a dismemberment abortion was performed. Amends the definition of "abortion complication".

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-96.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 96.4. (a) "Dismemberment**
4 **abortion" means an abortion in which a fetus is extracted one (1)**
5 **piece at a time from the uterus through clamps, grasping forceps,**
6 **tongs, scissors, or another similar instrument that, through the**
7 **convergence of two (2) rigid levers, slices, crushes, or grasps a**
8 **portion of the fetus's body to cut or rip it off.**

9 (b) **"Dismemberment abortion" does not include an abortion**
10 **that uses suction to dismember a fetus by sucking fetal parts into**
11 **a collection container.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-327.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 327.9. "Serious health risk", for**
15 **purposes of IC 16-34-2-1(c), means that in reasonable medical**
16 **judgment, a condition exists that has complicated the mother's**
17 **medical condition and necessitates an abortion because of a serious**



1 **risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major**
 2 **bodily function. The term does not include psychological or**
 3 **emotional conditions. A medical condition may not be determined**
 4 **to exist based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman will engage**
 5 **in conduct that she intends to result in her death or in physical**
 6 **harm.**

7 SECTION 3. IC 16-34-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2018,
 8 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) Abortion shall in all instances be a criminal
 10 act, except when performed under the following circumstances:

11 (1) Except as prohibited in IC 16-34-4, during the first trimester
 12 of pregnancy for reasons based upon the professional, medical
 13 judgment of the pregnant woman's physician if:

14 (A) the abortion is performed by the physician;

15 (B) the woman submitting to the abortion has filed her consent
 16 with her physician. However, if in the judgment of the
 17 physician the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the
 18 woman, her consent is not required; and

19 (C) the woman submitting to the abortion has filed with her
 20 physician the written consent of her parent or legal guardian
 21 if required under section 4 of this chapter.

22 However, an abortion inducing drug may not be dispensed,
 23 prescribed, administered, or otherwise given to a pregnant woman
 24 after nine (9) weeks of postfertilization age unless the Food and
 25 Drug Administration has approved the abortion inducing drug to
 26 be used for abortions later than nine (9) weeks of postfertilization
 27 age. A physician shall examine a pregnant woman in person
 28 before prescribing or dispensing an abortion inducing drug. In
 29 accordance with FDA guidelines, the physician shall provide the
 30 pregnant woman with a copy of the manufacturer's instruction
 31 sheets and require that the pregnant woman sign the
 32 manufacturer's patient agreement form. The physician shall retain
 33 a copy of the signed patient agreement form, and the signed
 34 physician's agreement form required by the manufacturer, in the
 35 patient's file. As used in this subdivision, "in person" does not
 36 include the use of telehealth or telemedicine services.

37 (2) Except as prohibited by IC 16-34-4, after the first trimester of
 38 pregnancy and before the earlier of viability of the fetus or twenty
 39 (20) weeks of postfertilization age, for reasons based upon the
 40 professional, medical judgment of the pregnant woman's
 41 physician if:

42 (A) all the circumstances and provisions required for legal



- 1 abortion during the first trimester are present and adhered to;
 2 and
 3 (B) the abortion is performed in a hospital or ambulatory
 4 outpatient surgical center (as defined in IC 16-18-2-14).
 5 (3) Except as provided in subsection (b) or as prohibited by
 6 IC 16-34-4, at the earlier of viability of the fetus or twenty (20)
 7 weeks of postfertilization age and any time after, for reasons
 8 based upon the professional, medical judgment of the pregnant
 9 woman's physician if:
 10 (A) all the circumstances and provisions required for legal
 11 abortion before the earlier of viability of the fetus or twenty
 12 (20) weeks of postfertilization age are present and adhered to;
 13 (B) the abortion is performed in compliance with section 3 of
 14 this chapter; and
 15 (C) before the abortion the attending physician shall certify in
 16 writing to the hospital in which the abortion is to be
 17 performed, that in the attending physician's professional,
 18 medical judgment, after proper examination and review of the
 19 woman's history, the abortion is necessary to prevent a
 20 substantial permanent impairment of the life or physical health
 21 of the pregnant woman. All facts and reasons supporting the
 22 certification shall be set forth by the physician in writing and
 23 attached to the certificate.
 24 (b) A person may not knowingly or intentionally perform a partial
 25 birth abortion unless a physician reasonably believes that:
 26 (1) performing the partial birth abortion is necessary to save the
 27 mother's life; and
 28 (2) no other medical procedure is sufficient to save the mother's
 29 life.
 30 **(c) A person may not knowingly or intentionally perform a**
 31 **dismemberment abortion unless a physician reasonably believes**
 32 **that performing the dismemberment abortion is necessary:**
 33 **(1) to prevent any serious health risk to the mother; or**
 34 **(2) to save the mother's life.**
 35 SECTION 4. IC 16-34-2-4.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.205-2018,
 36 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4.7. (a) As used in this section, "abortion
 38 complication" means ~~any adverse~~ **only the following** physical or
 39 psychological ~~condition~~ **conditions** arising from the induction or
 40 performance of an abortion: ~~The term includes the following:~~
 41 (1) Uterine perforation.
 42 (2) Cervical perforation.



- 1 (3) Infection.
 2 (4) ~~Hemorrhaging.~~ **Heavy bleeding from the vagina that soaks**
 3 **through more than two (2) maxi pads in an hour for two (2)**
 4 **or more hours.**
 5 (5) ~~Blood clots~~ **Pulmonary embolism.**
 6 **(6) Deep vein thrombosis.**
 7 ~~(7)~~ (7) Failure to terminate the pregnancy.
 8 ~~(7)~~ **(8) Incomplete abortion (retained tissue).**
 9 ~~(8)~~ **(9) Pelvic inflammatory disease.**
 10 ~~(9)~~ **(10) Missed ectopic pregnancy.**
 11 ~~(10)~~ **(11) Cardiac arrest.**
 12 ~~(11)~~ **(12) Respiratory arrest.**
 13 ~~(12)~~ **(13) Renal failure.**
 14 ~~(13) Metabolic disorder.~~
 15 **(14) An electrolyte abnormality from blood loss.**
 16 ~~(14)~~ **(15) Shock.**
 17 ~~(15)~~ **(16) Embolism.**
 18 ~~(16)~~ **(17) Coma.**
 19 ~~(17)~~ **(18) Placenta previa in subsequent pregnancies.**
 20 ~~(18)~~ **(19) Pre-term delivery in subsequent pregnancies.**
 21 ~~(19)~~ **(20) Free fluid in the abdomen.**
 22 ~~(20)~~ **(21) Hemolytic reaction due to the administration of**
 23 **ABO-incompatible blood or blood products.**
 24 ~~(21)~~ **(22) Hypoglycemia occurring while the patient is being**
 25 **treated at the abortion facility.**
 26 ~~(22) Physical injury associated with treatment performed at the~~
 27 **abortion facility.**
 28 (23) ~~Adverse~~ **Allergic** reaction to anesthesia or ~~other abortion~~
 29 **inducing** drugs.
 30 (24) Psychological ~~or emotional~~ complications, including
 31 depression, suicidal ideation, anxiety, and sleeping disorders.
 32 (25) Death.
 33 (26) Any other adverse event as defined by criteria provided in
 34 the Food and Drug Administration Safety Information and
 35 Adverse Event Reporting Program.
 36 (b) The following persons shall report to the state department each
 37 case in which the person treated a patient suffering from an abortion
 38 complication:
 39 (1) A physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
 40 (2) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21.
 41 (3) An abortion clinic licensed under IC 16-21-2-2.5.
 42 (c) The state department shall develop a process for the submission



- 1 of a report under this section.
- 2 (d) A report under this section shall be submitted to the state
3 department in the manner prescribed by the state department.
- 4 (e) The report under this section must include the following
5 information concerning the abortion complication:
- 6 (1) The date the patient presented for treatment for the abortion
7 complication.
- 8 (2) The age of the patient.
- 9 (3) The race of the patient.
- 10 (4) The county and state of the patient's residence.
- 11 (5) The type of abortion obtained by the patient.
- 12 (6) The date of abortion obtained by the patient.
- 13 (7) The name of the:
- 14 (A) abortion clinic;
- 15 (B) medical facility; or
- 16 (C) hospital;
- 17 where the patient obtained the abortion.
- 18 (8) Whether the patient obtained abortion medication via mail
19 order or Internet web site, and if so, information identifying the
20 source of the medication.
- 21 (9) Whether the complication was previously managed by the
22 abortion provider or the abortion provider's required back-up
23 physician.
- 24 (10) The name of the medications taken by the patient as part of
25 the pharmaceutical abortion regimen, if any.
- 26 (11) A list of each diagnosed complication.
- 27 (12) A list of each treated complication, with a description of the
28 treatment provided.
- 29 (13) Whether the patient's visit to treat the complications was the
30 original visit or a follow-up visit.
- 31 (14) The date of each follow-up visit, if any.
- 32 (15) A list of each complication diagnosed at a follow-up visit, if
33 any.
- 34 (16) A list of each complication treated at a follow-up visit, if any.
- 35 (f) Before February 1, 2019, the state department shall inform in
36 writing all providers described in subsection (b) of the new reporting
37 requirements for abortion complications. This subsection expires
38 December 31, 2019.
- 39 (g) Not later than June 30 of each year, the state department shall
40 compile a public report summarizing the information collected under
41 this section. The report must include statistics for the previous calendar
42 year, with updated information for the most recent calendar year.



1 (h) The state department shall summarize the aggregate data from
 2 the data submitted under this section and submit the data, on or before
 3 June 30 of each year, to the United States Centers for Disease Control
 4 and Prevention for its inclusion in the annual Vital Statistics Report.

5 (i) The state department shall ensure that no identifying information
 6 of a pregnant woman is included in the report described in subsection
 7 (g).

8 (j) This subsection applies after August 31, 2019. Each failure to
 9 report an abortion complication as required under this section is a Class
 10 B misdemeanor.

11 (k) Before January 1, 2019, the state department shall adopt rules
 12 under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

13 SECTION 5. IC 16-34-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,
 14 SECTION 235, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in
 16 subsections (b) and (c), a person who knowingly or intentionally
 17 performs an abortion not expressly provided for in this chapter commits
 18 a Level 5 felony.

19 (b) A physician who performs an abortion intentionally or
 20 knowingly in violation of section 1(a)(1)(C) or 4 of this chapter
 21 commits a Class A misdemeanor.

22 (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally performs an abortion
 23 in violation of section 1.1 of this chapter commits a Class A infraction.

24 (d) A woman upon whom a partial birth abortion is performed may
 25 not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate section 1(b) of
 26 this chapter.

27 **(e) A woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion is**
 28 **performed may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to**
 29 **violate section 1(c) of this chapter.**

30 SECTION 6. IC 16-34-2-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 31 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 32 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. **(a) A woman upon whom a dismemberment**
 33 **abortion was performed is not liable for any damages related to the**
 34 **dismemberment abortion.**

35 **(b) The following individuals who worked at the direction of a**
 36 **physician who performed a dismemberment abortion are not liable**
 37 **for damages for the dismemberment abortion:**

38 **(1) A nurse.**

39 **(2) A technician.**

40 **(3) A secretary.**

41 **(4) A receptionist.**

42 **(5) An employee or agent who is not a physician but acts at**



1 the direction of a physician.

2 **(6) A pharmacist or other individual who is not a physician**
 3 **but who fills a prescription or provides instruments or**
 4 **materials used in the dismemberment abortion.**

5 SECTION 7. IC 16-34-2-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 6 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 7 1, 2019]: **Sec. 9. (a) The following may petition a court for an**
 8 **injunction against a person who performed a dismemberment**
 9 **abortion in violation of section 1(c) of this chapter:**

10 **(1) A woman upon whom the person performed a**
 11 **dismemberment abortion.**

12 **(2) The parent or guardian of a female upon whom a**
 13 **dismemberment abortion was performed who was less than**
 14 **eighteen (18) years of age at the time the person performed**
 15 **the dismemberment abortion.**

16 **(3) A prosecuting attorney.**

17 **(b) An injunction issued under this section shall prohibit the**
 18 **defendant from performing or attempting to perform further**
 19 **dismemberment abortions in violation of section 1(c) of this**
 20 **chapter.**

21 **(c) An injunction may not be obtained by a plaintiff under this**
 22 **section if the pregnancy resulted from the plaintiff's criminal**
 23 **conduct.**

24 SECTION 8. IC 16-34-2-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 25 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2019]: **Sec. 10. (a) The following may bring an action for the**
 27 **recovery of damages against a person who has performed a**
 28 **dismemberment abortion in violation of section 1(c) of this**
 29 **chapter:**

30 **(1) A woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion has been**
 31 **performed.**

32 **(2) The father of the unborn child.**

33 **(3) If a female was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the**
 34 **time of the dismemberment abortion or if she has died as a**
 35 **result of the abortion, the maternal grandparents of the**
 36 **unborn child on whose mother a dismemberment abortion**
 37 **was performed.**

38 **(b) No damages may be awarded to a plaintiff if the pregnancy**
 39 **resulted from the plaintiff's criminal conduct.**

40 **(c) Damages awarded under this section shall include:**

41 **(1) damages for all injuries, including psychological and**
 42 **physical injuries, caused by the dismemberment abortion; and**



1 **(2) damages equal to three (3) times the cost of the**
2 **dismemberment abortion.**

3 SECTION 9. IC 16-34-2-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2019]: **Sec. 11. (a) If a judgment is rendered in favor of a plaintiff**
6 **under section 9 or 10 of this chapter, the court shall order**
7 **reasonable attorney's fees in favor of the plaintiff.**

8 **(b) If a judgment is rendered in favor of a defendant under**
9 **section 9 or 10 of this chapter and the court finds that the**
10 **plaintiff's suit was frivolous and brought in bad faith, the court**
11 **shall order reasonable attorney's fees in favor of the defendant.**

12 SECTION 10. IC 16-34-2-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 12. (a) In every civil, criminal, or**
15 **administrative action brought under section 1(c), 9, 10, or 11 of this**
16 **chapter, the court or administrative body shall rule whether the**
17 **anonymity of any woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion**
18 **has been performed or was attempted to have been performed**
19 **shall be preserved from public disclosure if she does not give**
20 **consent to the disclosure.**

21 **(b) The court or administrative body, upon motion or sua**
22 **sponte, shall make a ruling, and if it determines that the anonymity**
23 **of a woman described in subsection (a) should be preserved, shall**
24 **issue an order to the parties, witnesses, and counsel and shall direct**
25 **the sealing of the record and exclusion of individuals from the**
26 **courtroom or hearing room to the extent necessary to safeguard**
27 **the woman's identity from public disclosure.**

28 **(c) Each order shall be accompanied by specific written findings**
29 **explaining the necessity of the anonymity of the woman, why the**
30 **order is essential, how the order is narrowly tailored to serve that**
31 **interest, and why no reasonable less restrictive alternative exists.**

32 **(d) In the absence of written consent of the woman upon whom**
33 **a dismemberment abortion has been performed or was attempted**
34 **to have been performed, anyone other than a prosecuting attorney**
35 **who brings an action under section 9 or 10 of this chapter shall use**
36 **a pseudonym for the woman.**

37 **(e) This section may not be construed to conceal the identity of**
38 **the plaintiff or of witnesses from the defendant or the attorneys for**
39 **the defendant.**

