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A BILL

To enact section 2903.32 of the Revised Code to
prohibit female genital mutilation.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2903.32 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 2903.32. (A) (1) No person shall knowingly circumcise,
excise, or infibulate any part of the labia majora or labia
minora or clitoris of another person who is under the age of
eighteen.

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(2) No person shall knowingly transport a minor to a
facility or location for the purpose of facilitating the
commission of an offense prohibited by division (A) (1) of this
section.

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(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of female
genital mutilation, a felony of the fifth degree. In addition to
any prison term authorized by section 2929.14 of the Revised
Code and any fine authorized by section 2929.18 of the Revised
Code, the court shall impose on the offender an additional fine
of up to twenty-five thousand dollars.

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(C) This section does not apply to a procedure performed 19
for medical purposes if the act is performed by a physician or 20
licensed health care professional and the act is within the 21
scope of the actor's license. 22

(D) None of the following are defenses to a violation of 23
this section: 24

(1) Cultural or ritual necessity; 25

(2) Consent of the minor; 26

(3) Consent of the parent or guardian of the minor. 27

(E) As used in this section: 28

(1) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 29
4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or 30
osteopathic medicine and surgery. 31

(2) "Licensed health care professional" means an 32
individual, other than a physician, who is authorized under 33
Title XLVII of the Revised Code to practice a health care 34
profession. 35

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