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H. R. 1143

To prohibit the declaration of a Federal emergency relating to abortion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. STEUBE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the declaration of a Federal emergency relating to abortion.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibiting Federal
5 Emergencies for Abortion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DECLARATION OF FEDERAL**
7 **EMERGENCY RELATING TO ABORTION.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION ON DECLARATIONS OF NATIONAL
9 EMERGENCIES RELATING TO ABORTION UNDER NA-

1 TIONAL EMERGENCIES ACT.—Section 201 of the National
2 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) is amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(c) PROHIBITION ON DECLARING NATIONAL
5 EMERGENCIES RELATING TO ABORTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may not de-
7 clare a national emergency under subsection (a) for
8 purposes of—

9 “(A) promoting, supporting, or expanding
10 access to abortion; or

11 “(B) taking adverse action against or liti-
12 gating against States that prohibit or otherwise
13 restrict abortion.

14 “(2) ABORTION DEFINED.—In this subsection,
15 the term ‘abortion’ means the use or prescription of
16 any instrument, medicine, drug, or other substance
17 or device to intentionally—

18 “(A) kill the unborn child of a woman
19 known to be pregnant; or

20 “(B) prematurely terminate the pregnancy
21 of a woman known to be pregnant, with an in-
22 tention other than to—

23 “(i) increase the probability of a live
24 birth or of preserving the life or health of
25 the child after live birth; or

1 “(ii) remove a dead unborn child.”.

2 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Section 319 of
3 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) LIMITATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding this sec-
7 tion, the Secretary may not declare a public health
8 emergency under this section for the purpose of—

9 “(A) promoting, supporting, or expanding
10 access to abortion; or

11 “(B) taking adverse action against or liti-
12 gating against States that prohibit or otherwise
13 restrict abortion.

14 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
15 ‘abortion’ means the use or prescription of any in-
16 strument, medicine, drug, or other substance or de-
17 vice to intentionally—

18 “(A) kill the unborn child of a woman
19 known to be pregnant; or

20 “(B) prematurely terminate the pregnancy
21 of a woman known to be pregnant, with an in-
22 tention other than to—

23 “(i) increase the probability of a live
24 birth or of preserving the life or health of
25 the child after live birth; or

1 “(ii) remove a dead unborn child.”.

2 (c) EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS UNDER THE ROB-
3 ERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY
4 ASSISTANCE ACT.—Section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford
5 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5191) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) PROHIBITION ON DECLARATIONS RELATING TO
8 ABORTION.—

9 “(1) ABORTION DEFINED.—In this subsection,
10 the term ‘abortion’ means the use or prescription of
11 any instrument, medicine, drug, or other substance
12 or device to intentionally—

13 “(A) kill the unborn child of a woman
14 known to be pregnant; or

15 “(B) prematurely terminate the pregnancy
16 of a woman known to be pregnant, with an in-
17 tention other than to—

18 “(i) increase the probability of a live
19 birth or of preserving the life or health of
20 the child after live birth; or

21 “(ii) remove a dead unborn child.

22 “(2) PROHIBITION.—The President may not
23 declare that an emergency exists under subsection
24 (a) for the purpose of—

1 “(A) promoting, supporting, or expanding
2 access to abortion; or

3 “(B) taking adverse action against or liti-
4 gating against States that prohibit or otherwise
5 restrict abortion.”.

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