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S 1421 General Bill, By Grooms, Bryant, Verdin, Bright, Campbell, Fair, Mulvaney, Hayes and Peeler

Summary: Abortion

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING ABORTIONS, TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-15, TO PROVIDE FINDINGS CONCERNING FETAL PAIN, FETAL VIABILITY, AND AN ASSERTION OF THE STATE'S COMPELLING INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE LIVES OF VIABLE UNBORN CHILDREN; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-20, RELATING TO WHEN AN ABORTION MAY LEGALLY BE PERFORMED, TO PROVIDE THAT ABORTIONS PERFORMED PRIOR TO THE END OF TWENTY-TWO WEEKS AFTER CONCEPTION REQUIRE A WOMAN'S INFORMED CONSENT, AND THAT NO ABORTIONS MAY BE PERFORMED AFTER TWENTY-TWO WEEKS AFTER CONCEPTION UNLESS THE WOMAN HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF THE PHYSICIAN'S GOOD FAITH JUDGMENT, SO COMPLICATES A PREGNANCY AS TO NECESSITATE AN IMMEDIATE ABORTION TO AVERT THE RISK OF HER DEATH OR FOR WHICH A DELAY WILL CREATE SERIOUS RISK OF SUBSTANTIAL AND IRREVERSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF MAJOR BODILY FUNCTION; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING A WOMAN'S INFORMED CONSENT TO AN ABORTION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-330, RELATING TO A WOMAN'S INFORMED CONSENT TO AN ABORTION, TO INCREASE THE REFLECTION PERIOD TO TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS CONCERNING ULTRASOUNDS PERFORMED PRIOR TO AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING FETAL PAIN, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-340, RELATING TO INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO A WOMAN PRIOR TO AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE MATERIAL CONCERNING FETAL PAIN, A LIST OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, FACILITIES, AND CLINICS THAT OFFER TO PERFORM ULTRASOUNDS FREE OF CHARGE, A PLAINLY WORDED EXPLANATION OF HOW A WOMAN MAY CALCULATE THE GESTATIONAL AGE OF HER EMBRYO OR FETUS, A SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTION THAT EACH PARENT MAKES TO THE GENETIC CONSTITUTION OF THEIR BIOLOGICAL CHILD, AND FORMS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND VERIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-41-330.

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