

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 4, strike lines 8 through 11.

2 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

3 Page 4, after line 23 insert:

4 "(5) "SURGICAL ABORTION" MEANS:

5 (a) FOR THE FIRST THIRTEEN WEEKS OF A PREGNANCY, A SUCTION
6 DILATION AND CURETTAGE, ALSO KNOWN AS A "D AND C". AFTER
7 DILATING THE CERVIX, A SUCTION CURETTE IS INSERTED INTO THE UTERUS
8 TO REMOVE THE BABY AND PLACENTA. THE BABY IS PULLED APART AS IT
9 IS SUCTIONED. A SHARP CURETTE MAY BE USED TO ENSURE NO PLACENTA
10 OR BABY PARTS ARE LEFT IN THE UTERUS WHICH MAY RESULT IN WHAT IS
11 CALLED AN "INCOMPLETE ABORTION".

12 (b) FROM FOURTEEN TO TWENTY WEEKS OF A PREGNANCY, A
13 DILATION AND EVACUATION, ALSO KNOWN AS A "D AND E". AFTER THE
14 CERVIX IS DILATED, A SUCTION CURETTE IS PLACED INTO THE UTERUS TO
15 REMOVE AMNIOTIC FLUID. SOPHER OVUM FORCEPS, WHICH HAVE TWO
16 ROWS OF TEETH ON EACH SIDE FOR GRASPING, ARE INSERTED INTO THE
17 UTERUS TO GRASP A PART OF THE BABY AND REMOVE IT, AND THIS IS
18 REPEATED UNTIL ALL THE BABY PARTS ARE REMOVED. EACH PART IS
19 COLLECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE BABY'S PARTS. THE HEAD MUST BE
20 CRUSHED TO DECREASE THE HEAD'S SIZE FOR REMOVAL. THE SUCTION
21 CANULA OR SHARP CURETTE IS THEN INSERTED TO REMOVE THE PLACENTA
22 AND REMAINING BABY FRAGMENTS.

23 (c) AFTER TWENTY-FOUR WEEKS OF A PREGNANCY, AN ABORTION
24 IS AN INDUCED LABOR AFTER CAUSING THE DEATH OF THE BABY.
25 TYPICALLY, THIS OCCURS BY INJECTING INTO THE BABY OR AMNIOTIC
26 FLUID A TOXIC DOSE OF DIGOXIN, A DRUG NORMALLY USED TO TREAT
27 HEART DISEASE. IT MAY TAKE MANY HOURS FOR THE BABY TO DIE, AND A
28 WOMAN MAY BE TOLD TO EXPECT VERY VIGOROUS KICKING FROM THE
29 BABY. DIGOXIN TOXICITY CAUSES NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIZZINESS,
30 CONFUSION, ANXIETY, HALLUCINATION, PALPITATIONS, AND WEAKNESS.
31 IF AN ULTRASOUND THE NEXT DAY SHOWS THE BABY IS ALIVE, DIGOXIN IS
32 REPEATED. INDUCTION MAY BE DONE WITH MEDICATION, MISOPROSTOL,
33 OR SOMETIMES PITOCIN, AND TAKES TWO TO FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE.
34 FORCEPS OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO DELIVER THE
35 BABY."

36 Strike "AN" and substitute "A SURGICAL" on: **Page 5**, lines 2 and 11.
