



Bill Snapshot

HB 1429: Dismemberment Abortion

Your Florida House is taking action to prohibit dismemberment abortions. The sanctity of life is of utmost importance, and we will not shy away from protecting it.

A common procedure in a dilation and evacuation (D&E) abortion involves the physician using forceps to dismember the fetus. Usually the fetus is alive when this process begins. HB 1429 prohibits a physician from dismembering a living fetus.

Highlights of HB 1429 are as follows:

- Defines a dismemberment abortion as:
 - an abortion in which a person, with the purpose of causing the death of an fetus, dismembers the living fetus and extracts the fetus one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors, or a similar instrument that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slices, crushes, or grasps, or performs any combination of those actions on, a piece of the fetus' body to cut or rip the piece from the body.
- Provides an exception to this prohibition under certain circumstances if a dismemberment abortion is necessary to save the life of a mother and no other medical procedure would suffice for that purpose.
- Any person who knowingly performs or actively participates in a dismemberment abortion commits a third degree felony. The bill exempts a woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion has been performed from prosecution for a conspiracy to violate this provision.
- Does not prohibit a D&E in which fetal demise is accomplished prior to the dismemberment of the fetus.

LAST SEEN:

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Sponsor:
Rep. Grall

CURRENT STATUS:

HB 1429 is currently in
the Health Quality
Subcommittee

HEADED TO:

HB 1429 is headed to
Judiciary Committee