A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consent required for the termination of pregnancy; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. A pregnant female who is married or who is 16 years old or older has the capacity to consent to the termination of her pregnancy by a licensed physician.

Section 2. A parent of an unmarried pregnant female 15 years old or younger has the capacity to consent to the termination of the pregnancy by a licensed physician, except that in addition to a parent's consent, an unmarried female 14 or 15 years old must also consent to the termination of her pregnancy.

Section 3. A licensed physician who with the consent or consents required by this Act terminates the pregnancy of a female is not subject to civil or criminal penalties, except for negligence.

Section 4. No licensed physician shall be forced against his conscience to terminate a pregnancy.

Section 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.
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