

SENATE BILL NO. 534

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:2(B)(48) through (52) and 87.6, relative to abortion and feticide; to define abortion and feticide as "crimes of violence"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:2(B)(48) through (52) and 87.6 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Definitions

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B. In this Code, "crime of violence" means an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. The following enumerated offenses and attempts to commit any of them are included as "crimes of violence":

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(48) Criminal abortion.

(49) First degree feticide.

(50) Second degree feticide.

(51) Third degree feticide.

(52) Aggravated criminal abortion by dismemberment.

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§87.6. Coerced abortion

A. Coerced abortion is committed when any person intentionally engages in the use or threatened use of physical force against the person of a pregnant

1 woman, with the intent to compel the pregnant woman to undergo an abortion
2 against her will, whether or not the abortion procedure has been attempted or
3 completed.

4 B. Whoever commits the crime of coerced abortion shall be fined not
5 more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or
6 both.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
11 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____