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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the termination of
3	pregnancies; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.;
4	prohibiting a physician from performing a
5	partial-birth abortion; providing certain
6	limitations on prosecutions under such
7	prohibition; providing that the prohibition
8	does not apply if the procedure is necessary to
9	save the life of the mother; amending s.
10	390.011, F.S.; defining the term "partial-birth
11	abortion"; providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Present subsections (8) and (9) of section
16	390.0111, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections
17	(9) and (10), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added
18	to that section, to read:
19	390.0111 Termination of pregnancies
20	(8) PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION
21	(a) A physician may not knowingly perform a
22	partial-birth abortion.
23	(b) A woman upon whom a partial-birth abortion is
24	performed may not be prosecuted under this section for a
25	conspiracy to violate the provisions of this section.
26	(c) This subsection does not apply to a partial-birth
27	abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose
28	life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury,
29	provided that no other medical procedure would suffice for
30	that purpose.
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Section 2. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section 390.011, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7) and (8), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read: 390.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term: (5) "Partial-birth abortion" means a termination of pregnancy in which the physician performing the termination of pregnancy partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Prohibits a physician from performing a partial-birth abortion. Provides that a woman may not be prosecuted for conspiring to commit such a violation. Provides that the prohibition does not apply if the procedure is necessary to save the life of the mother.