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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to dismemberment abortion; amending s. 390.011, F.S.; defining the term "dismemberment abortion"; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.; prohibiting dismemberment abortion; providing an exception; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (6) through (13) of section 390.011, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section to read:

390.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(6) "Dismemberment abortion" means an abortion in which a person, with the purpose of causing the death of a 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. The term does not include an abortion that uses suction to dismember the body of a fetus by sucking pieces of the fetus into a collection container.

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26	Section 2. Subsections (6) through (15) of section
27	390.0111, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
28	through (16), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to
29	that section, and present subsection (10) of that section is
30	amended, to read:
31	390.0111 Termination of pregnancies
32	(6) DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION.—
33	(a) No physician shall knowingly perform a dismemberment
34	abortion.
35	(b) A woman upon whom a dismemberment abortion is
36	performed may not be prosecuted under this section for a
37	conspiracy to violate the provisions of this section.
38	(c) This subsection does not apply to a dismemberment
39	abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose
40	life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury,
41	provided that no other medical procedure would suffice for that
42	purpose.
43	(11) (10) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.—Except as provided in
44	subsections (3), (8) (7) , and (13) (12) :
45	(a) Any person who willfully performs, or actively
46	participates in, a termination of pregnancy in violation of the
47	requirements of this section or s. 390.01112 commits a felony of

- requirements of this section or s. 390.01112 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
- 49 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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(b) Any person who performs, or actively participates in,

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a termination of pregnancy in violation of this section or s. 390.01112 which results in the death of the woman commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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