HOUSE BILL NO. 1480 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no public funds that are made available to any institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or employee of the State of Mississippi, or of any local political subdivision of the state, whether those funds are made available by the government of the United States, the State of Mississippi, or a local governmental subdivision, or from any other public source, shall be used in any way for, to assist in, or to provide facilities for abortion, except:

(a) When the abortion is medically necessary to prevent the death of the mother; or

(b) When the abortion is being sought to terminate a pregnancy resulting from an alleged act of rape or incest; or

(c) When there is a fetal malformation that is incompatible with the baby being born alive.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.