To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the term "abortion" means the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance or device to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with an intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

(2) No abortion shall be performed or induced in the State of Mississippi, except in the case of the presence of a life-threatening condition in the pregnant woman that would be worsened by continuing the pregnancy.

(3) Any person, except the pregnant woman, who purposefully, knowingly or recklessly performs or attempts to perform or induce an abortion in the State of Mississippi, except in the case of the presence of a life-threatening condition in the pregnant woman that would be worsened by continuing the pregnancy, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. If any provision, word, phrase or clause of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the provisions, words, phrases, clauses or applications of this act that can be
given effect without the invalid provision, word, phrase, clause or application and to this end, the provisions, words, phrases and clauses of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2007.