AN ACT ENTITLED THE "FEDERAL ABORTION-MANDATE OPT-OUT ACT";
TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR ELECTIVE ABORTIONS
COVERED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THROUGH A
HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Title. This act may be known and cited as the
"Federal Abortion-Mandate Opt-Out Act."

SECTION 2. Legislative findings and purposes. (1) The
Legislature of the State of Mississippi finds that Section 1303 of
the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, states are
explicitly permitted to pass laws prohibiting qualified health
plans offered through an exchange in their state from offering
abortion coverage.

(2) It is the purpose of this act to affirmatively opt out
of allowing qualified health plans that cover abortions to
participate in exchanges within the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. Opt-Out. (1) No abortion coverage may be
provided by a qualified health plan offered through an exchange
created pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
Care Act within the State of Mississippi.

(2) This limitation shall not apply to an abortion performed
(a) when the life of the mother is endangered by a physical
disorder, physical illness or physical injury, including a
life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the
pregnancy itself, or (b) when the pregnancy is the result of an
alleged act of rape or incest. The physician is required to
maintain sufficient documentation in the medical record that
supports the medical necessity for the abortion for one of the reasons outlined in this subsection (2).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.