

By: Representative Parker

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

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

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

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

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

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

24 **SECTION 2.** If any provision, word, phrase or clause of this
25 act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance
26 is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the provisions,
27 words, phrases, clauses or applications of this act that can be

28 given effect without the invalid provision, word, phrase, clause
29 or application and to this end, the provisions, words, phrases and
30 clauses of this act are declared to be severable.

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