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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of federal health care reform
2 funding for abortions, and including effective date
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM MEASURES —
2 PROHIBITION OF FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS.

3 1. The use of funds appropriated under or appropriated
4 to any trust fund pursuant to the federal Patient Protection
5 and Affordable Care Act, the federal Health Care and Education
6 Reconciliation Act of 2010, or any successor legislation, shall
7 be restricted in this state as follows:

8 a. Such funds shall not be expended for any abortion in this
9 state.

10 b. Such funds shall not be expended for health insurance
11 coverage, health benefits, or health services that include
12 coverage for abortion, provided through a contract or other
13 arrangement with a carrier as defined in section 513B.2.

14 2. The restrictions of this section shall not apply to the
15 use of such funds for an abortion if the woman suffers from
16 a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
17 including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or
18 arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified
19 by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an
20 abortion is performed.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
22 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill restricts the use of funds appropriated under
25 or appropriated to any trust fund pursuant to federal health
26 care reform legislation for use in this state, by prohibiting
27 expenditure of such funds for an abortion in the state and for
28 health insurance coverage, health benefits, or health services
29 that include coverage for abortion, provided by a carrier. The
30 restrictions do not apply, however, if the woman suffers from
31 a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
32 including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or
33 arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified
34 by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an
35 abortion is performed.

1 The bill takes effect upon enactment.