

House Study Bill 501 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE ____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY CHAIRPERSON HARRIS)

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to terminology involving a pregnant female.

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

Section 1. Section 707.7, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

707.7 Feticide.

1. Any person who intentionally terminates a human pregnancy, with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant female, after the ~~end of the second trimester~~ conception of the pregnancy resulting in the death of the fetus commits feticide. Feticide is a class "C" felony.
2. Any person who attempts to intentionally terminate a human pregnancy, with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant female, after the ~~end of the second trimester~~ conception of the pregnancy that does not result in the death of the fetus commits attempted feticide. Attempted feticide is a class "D" felony.
3. Any person who terminates a human pregnancy, ~~with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant female, who is not a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapter 148~~ commits a class "C" felony.
4. This section shall not apply to the termination of a human pregnancy performed by a physician licensed in this state to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery when in the best clinical judgment of the physician the termination is performed to preserve the life or health of the pregnant female or of the fetus and every reasonable medical effort not inconsistent with preserving the life of the pregnant female is made to preserve the life of a viable fetus.

Amend HSB 501 to acknowledge both the science of biological gender and life beginning at conception.