

**Senate File 55 - Introduced**

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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 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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

1 by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an  
2 abortion is performed.

3 The bill takes effect upon enactment.