

**House File 2253 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 501)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to terminology involving a pregnant female.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 **707.7 Feticide.**

4 1. Any person who intentionally terminates a human pregnancy,  
5 with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant ~~person~~  
6 female, after the end of the second trimester of the pregnancy  
7 ~~where resulting in the~~ death of the fetus ~~results~~ commits  
8 feticide. Feticide is a class "C" felony.

9 2. Any person who attempts to intentionally terminate a  
10 human pregnancy, with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the  
11 pregnant ~~person~~ female, after the end of the second trimester  
12 of the pregnancy ~~where~~ that does not result in the death of  
13 the fetus ~~does not result~~ commits attempted feticide. Attempted  
14 feticide is a class "D" felony.

15 3. Any person who terminates a human pregnancy, with the  
16 knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female,  
17 who is not a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or  
18 osteopathic medicine and surgery under the provisions of chapter  
19 148, commits a class "C" felony.

20 4. This section shall not apply to the termination of a  
21 human pregnancy performed by a physician licensed in this state  
22 to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine or  
23 surgery when in the best clinical judgment of the physician  
24 the termination is performed to preserve the life or health of  
25 the pregnant ~~person~~ female or of the fetus and every reasonable  
26 medical effort not inconsistent with preserving the life of the  
27 pregnant ~~person~~ female is made to preserve the life of a viable  
28 fetus.

29 Sec. 2. Section 707.8, subsections 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7, Code  
30 2026, are amended to read as follows:

31 1. A person who terminates a human pregnancy without the  
32 consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female during the commission of  
33 a forcible felony is guilty of a class "B" felony.

34 2. A person who terminates a human pregnancy without the  
35 consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female during the commission of

1 a felony or felonious assault is guilty of a class "C" felony.

2 3. a. A person who intentionally terminates a human  
3 pregnancy without the knowledge and voluntary consent of the  
4 pregnant ~~person~~ female is guilty of a class "C" felony.

5 b. A person who attempts to intentionally terminate a human  
6 pregnancy without the knowledge and voluntary consent of the  
7 pregnant ~~person~~ female is guilty of a class "D" felony.

8 5. A person who by force or intimidation procures the consent  
9 of the pregnant ~~person~~ female to a termination of a human  
10 pregnancy is guilty of a class "C" felony.

11 7. A person who unintentionally terminates a human pregnancy  
12 without the knowledge and voluntary consent of the pregnant  
13 ~~person~~ female by the commission of an act in a manner likely to  
14 cause the termination of or serious injury to a human pregnancy  
15 is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

16 Sec. 3. Section 707.8, subsection 12, paragraphs a and b,  
17 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

18 a. An act or omission of the pregnant ~~person~~ female.

19 b. A termination of or a serious injury to a pregnancy  
20 ~~which that~~ is caused by the performance of an approved medical  
21 procedure performed by a person licensed in this state to  
22 practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and  
23 surgery, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy and with  
24 or without the voluntary consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female  
25 when circumstances preclude the pregnant ~~person~~ female from  
26 providing consent.

27 Sec. 4. Section 708.2, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 4. A person who commits a violation of subsection 3 against  
30 another person who the person knows or reasonably should know is  
31 a pregnant ~~person~~ female is guilty of a class "D" felony.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill relates to terminology involving a pregnant female.

1 The bill makes changes to terminology used in the Code. The  
2 bill changes the use of "pregnant person" to "pregnant female".

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