

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:

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
5 pregnancy, with the knowledge and voluntary consent of the
6 pregnant ~~person~~ female, after the end of the second trimester
7 of the pregnancy ~~where~~ resulting in the death of the fetus
8 ~~results~~ commits 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
11 of the pregnant ~~person~~ female, after the end of the second
12 trimester of the pregnancy ~~where~~ that does not result in the
13 death of the fetus ~~does not result~~ commits attempted feticide.
14 Attempted 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
18 or osteopathic medicine and surgery under the provisions of
19 chapter 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 the
24 termination is performed to preserve the life or health of the
25 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
9 consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female to a termination of a
10 human pregnancy is guilty of a class "C" felony.

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

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1 female.

2 The bill makes changes to terminology used in the Code. The

3 bill changes the use of "pregnant person" to "pregnant female".