

CHAPTER 1035

CRIMES INVOLVING PREGNANT FEMALES — TERMINOLOGY

H.F. 2253

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 ~~person~~ female, after the end of the second trimester of the pregnancy ~~where~~ resulting in the death of the fetus ~~results~~ 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 ~~person~~ female, after the end of the second trimester of the pregnancy ~~where~~ that does not result in the death of the fetus ~~does not result~~ 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 ~~person~~ female, who is not a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under the provisions of 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 ~~person~~ female or of the fetus and every reasonable medical effort not inconsistent with preserving the life of the pregnant ~~person~~ female is made to preserve the life of a viable fetus.

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

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

2. A person who terminates a human pregnancy without the consent of the pregnant ~~person~~ female during the commission of a felony or felonious assault is guilty of a class “C” felony.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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