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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST UNBORN CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
- 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
- 3 as follows:
- 4 "CHAPTER
- 5 1 Definitions. As used in this Act, the terms:
- 6 "Unborn child" means the unborn offspring of a human being
- 7 from viability until birth, but not yet completely born unless
- 8 the results of the prenatal conduct in this section are unknown
- 9 until after a live birth.
- "Engaging in illegal conduct" means acting under
- 11 circumstances in which the conduct of the mother would be
- 12 considered illegal under the laws of the State of Hawaii or
- 13 under the laws of the United States.
- 14 "Viability" means the stage of fetal development when the
- 15 unborn child has the capability of meaningful life independent
- 16 of the mother's womb by natural or artificial life support
- 17 systems.



1	"Unborn child's mother", for the purposes of this chapter,
2	means the female within whose womb the unborn child is
3	maintained.
4	§ -2 Voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child. (1) A
5	person who causes the death of an unborn child commits the
6	offense of voluntary manslaughter if the person is the unborn
7	child's mother and without lawful justification:
8	(a) She intends to cause the death of or do great bodily
9	harm to the unborn child, or knows that the acts will
10	cause the death, or do great bodily harm to the unborn
11	child;
12	(b) She attempts or commits a felonious act; or
13	(c) She perpetrates an act eminently dangerous to another
14	and evinces a depraved mind, without regard for human
15	or fetal life.
16	(2) Voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child is a class A
17	felony.
18	§ -3 Involuntary manslaughter of an unborn child. (1) A
19	person who causes the death of an unborn child commits the
20	offense of involuntary manslaughter if the person is the unborn

child's mother and without lawful justification:

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1	(a)	She intends to cause the death or great bodily harm of
2		another in an immediate response provoked by such
3		words or acts of another whether or not a person of
4		ordinary self-control under like circumstances would
5		respond in the same manner; or

- 6 (b) She commits or attempts to commit a misdemeanor or
 7 gross misdemeanor offense with such force or violence,
 8 that the death of or great bodily harm to another was
 9 reasonably foreseeable.
- 10 (2) Voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child is a class B
 11 felony.
- § -4 Negligent homicide of an unborn child. (1) A person
 who causes the death of an unborn child commits the offense of
 negligent homicide if the person is the unborn child's mother
 and without lawful justification:
- 16 (a) She creates an unreasonable risk by culpable
 17 negligence and consciously takes a chance of causing
 18 death or great bodily harm to the unborn child; or
- (b) She creates an unreasonable risk by negligently orrecklessly engaging in illegal conduct.
- 21 (3) Negligent homicide of an unborn child is a class C22 felony.

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- -5 Exceptions. This chapter does not apply to: 1 2 (a) Acts which cause the death of an unborn child if those 3 acts were committed during a legal abortion to which 4 the pregnant woman consented. 5 Acts which are committed pursuant to usual and (b) 6 customary standards of medical practice during 7 diagnostic testing or therapeutic treatment. -6 Other convictions not barred. A prosecution for or 8 S 9 conviction under this chapter is not a bar to conviction of or 10 punishment for any other crime committed by the defendant as 11 part of the same conduct." 12 SECTION 2. If any provision of this Act, or the 13 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held 14 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or 15 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the 16 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions 17 of this Act are severable. SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that 18
- SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 begun, before its effective date.
- 21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Penal Code; Crimes Against Unborn Child

Description:

Creates new criminal offenses perpetrated by the mother against an unborn child.