

HOUSE BILL NO. 302

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act prohibiting abortion after detection of fetal cardiac activity or fetal heart**
2 **contractions."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 18.16.055. Abortion after fetal heartbeat detected.** (a) Notwithstanding
6 compliance with AS 18.16.010, a person may not knowingly perform an abortion after
7 a health care provider detects a fetal heartbeat unless the abortion is medically
8 necessary.

9 (b) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply to a woman on whom an
10 abortion is performed.

11 (c) Violation of (a) of this section is a class C felony.

12 (d) In this section,

13 (1) "fetal heartbeat" means cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive
14 rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac;

1 (2) "health care provider" means a person who is licensed, registered,
2 or otherwise authorized under AS 08 to provide health care services.