

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1572

Page 1, line 1 after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the rights, privileges, and immunities available to unborn children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 14 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Definitions - Unborn children and unborn child.** As used in this chapter:

1. "Human being" means an individual living member of the species of homo sapiens.
2. "Unborn child" means the offspring of human beings from the moment of conception until birth, at every stage of biological development.

**Findings - human life at conception.** The legislative assembly finds that:

1. The life of each human being begins at conception;
2. Unborn children have protectable interests in life, health, and well-being;
3. The natural parents of unborn children have protectable interests in the life, health, and well-being of their unborn child.

**Construction.** The laws of this state shall be interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf of the unborn child at every stage of development, all the rights, privileges, and immunities available to other persons, citizens, and residents of this state, subject only to specific provisions to the contrary in the statutes and constitution of this state.

**No Action Created.** Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as creating an action against a woman for indirectly harming her unborn child by failing to properly care for herself or by failing to follow any particular program of prenatal care or as subjecting a woman to criminal penalties not otherwise provided by law."

Renumber accordingly