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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting public funding for abortions; adding a
2 new section to chapter 9.02 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Public funds shall not be used by the state or local
7 governments, or any political subdivision or agency thereof, to pay or
8 otherwise reimburse, either directly or indirectly, any person, agency,
9 organization, or facility for the performance of any induced abortion.

10 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply under the
11 following circumstances, unless otherwise required by federal law as
12 determined to be binding on the state of Washington by a court of
13 competent jurisdiction:

14 (a) Where the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of either
15 the pregnant woman or her unborn child under circumstances where every
16 reasonable effort is made to preserve the life of each;

17 (b) Where, on the basis of a physician's reasonable, good-faith
18 clinical judgment, a medical emergency exists that so complicates the
19 medical condition of a pregnant woman or her unborn child as to

1 necessitate the immediate abortion of her pregnancy for which a delay
2 will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of
3 a major bodily function of the pregnant woman or her unborn child under
4 circumstances where every reasonable effort is made to preserve the
5 life and health of each; or

6 (c) Where the pregnancy is a result of any offense involving sexual
7 intercourse as defined in RCW 9A.44.010 and where the offense has been
8 reported to a law enforcement agency within seven days from the time
9 the offense occurred; and

10 (d) Where it is confirmed that the household income of the pregnant
11 women does not exceed ninety percent of the federal poverty level.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, and safety, or
14 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
15 and shall take effect immediately.

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