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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting where abortions may be performed and
2 collecting data regarding such abortions; adding new sections to
3 chapter 9.02 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

7 An abortion may be performed lawfully only in a hospital accredited
8 by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals, or at a medical
9 facility approved for that purpose by the state board of health that
10 meets the standards prescribed by regulations issued for an ambulatory
11 surgical center for the safe and adequate care and treatment of
12 patients.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 To develop statistical data relating to abortion, a report on a
16 form produced by the department of health shall be certified and filed
17 with the department by the physician who performed the abortion no

1 later than ten days following the day on which the abortion was
2 performed.

3 The report shall indicate the type of abortion performed, who
4 performed the abortion, the hospital or medical facility where the
5 abortion occurred, the age of the patient and the unborn child, the
6 reason for the abortion, any medical complications which may have
7 occurred, and whether public funds were used, in whole or in part, to
8 pay for the abortion.

9 The report forms shall not identify a patient by name but by an
10 individual number to be noted in the patient's permanent record in the
11 possession of the physician.

12 The department shall report to the legislature no later than
13 December 31 of each year all statistical data gathered under this
14 section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support
17 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall
18 take effect immediately.

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