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HOUSE BILL 1971

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By Representative Klippert

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting nonphysicians from performing  
2 abortions; amending RCW 9.02.110; creating a new section; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the medical  
6 risks to the health of women as a result of obtaining an abortion  
7 makes it necessary to clarify that only qualified health care  
8 personnel may perform abortions or assist in performing abortions.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.02.110 and 1992 c 1 s 2 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 The state may not deny or interfere with a woman's right to  
12 choose to have an abortion prior to viability of the fetus, or to  
13 protect her life or health.

14 ~~((A physician may terminate and a health care provider may assist  
15 a physician in terminating a pregnancy as permitted by this  
16 section.))~~ A person who is not a physician may not perform an  
17 abortion.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or

1 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
2 and takes effect immediately.

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