House Bill 2809

Sponsored by Representatives HIEB, DIEHL; Representatives LEVY B, MORGAN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits late-term abortions in this state except in medical emergency or to terminate pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to late-term abortions.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Abortion” means the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance or device to terminate the pregnancy of a person known to be pregnant, if the intention is other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth or to remove a dead unborn child who died as the result of natural causes in utero, accidental trauma or a criminal assault on the pregnant person or the unborn child, and that use or prescription causes the premature termination of the pregnancy.

(b) “Incest” means sexual intercourse with a person with whom the person is related, either legitimately or illegitimately, as an ancestor, descendant or brother or sister of either the whole or half blood.

(c) “Late-term abortion” means the termination or attempted termination of a pregnancy in the third trimester.

(2) A person may not perform a late-term abortion in this state except to preserve the life of the pregnant person or with the intent to abort and remove an unborn child that is the result of rape or incest.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.