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BENNINGHOFF, MAHER AND KORTZ, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in abortion, further providing for
3 definitions and for medical consultation and judgment.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3203 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

8 § 3203. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
10 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
11 meanings given to them in this section:

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13 "Down syndrome." A chromosome disorder associated with an

1 extra chromosome 21, in whole or in part, or an effective
2 trisomy for chromosome 21.

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4 Section 2. Section 3204(c) of Title 18 is amended to read:

5 § 3204. Medical consultation and judgment.

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7 (c) Factors.--The following shall apply:

8 (1) In determining in accordance with subsection (a) or
9 (b) whether an abortion is necessary, a physician's best
10 clinical judgment may be exercised in the light of all
11 factors (physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the
12 woman's age) relevant to the well-being of the woman. [No
13 abortion which is sought solely because of the sex of the
14 unborn child shall be deemed a necessary abortion.]

15 (2) No abortion shall be deemed necessary if sought
16 exclusively for either or both of the following reasons:

17 (i) The sex of the unborn child.

18 (ii) A prenatal diagnosis of, or belief that the
19 unborn child has, Down syndrome.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.