

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SEPTEMBER 3, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEPTEMBER 3, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 10, 1974 (P.L.639, No.209),
2 entitled "An act regulating abortions; providing requirements
3 relating to consent, and protection of premature infants
4 aborted alive; limiting the subsidizing of abortions;
5 providing for the powers and duties of the Department of
6 Health; and prescribing penalties," limiting the use of
7 public funds for abortions.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 7, act of September 10, 1974 (P.L.639,
11 No.209), known as the "Abortion Control Act," amended September
12 27, 1978 (P.L.773, No.148), is reenacted and amended to read:

13 Section 7. [Subsidizing of Abortions Prohibited.--Since it
14 is the public policy of the Commonwealth to favor childbirth
15 over abortion, no public funds shall be used to promote
16 abortion, no abortion shall be subsidized by any State or local
17 governmental agency unless there is filed with such agency a
18 certificate signed by a physician stating that the abortion is

1 necessary in order to save the life of the mother.] Expenditure
2 of Public Funds for Abortion Limited.--No Commonwealth funds and
3 no Federal funds which must be appropriated by the Commonwealth
4 shall be expended by any State or local government agency for
5 the performance of abortions except for those abortions which
6 are eligible for Federal reimbursement under Title XIX of the
7 Federal Social Security Act. Nothing contained in this section
8 shall be interpreted to restrict or limit in any way,
9 appropriations, made by the Commonwealth or a local governmental
10 agency to hospitals for their maintenance and operation, or, for
11 reimbursement to hospitals for services rendered which are not
12 for the performance of abortions.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.