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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1872 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BONNER, OWLETT, PENNYCUICK, JAMES, COX, MOUL AND  
TOPPER, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 3204 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 3204. Medical consultation and judgment.

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10 (b.1) Pain relief medication.--No abortion shall be  
11 performed without providing pain relief medication to the unborn  
12 child who is more than 12 weeks' gestational age prior to the  
13 abortion procedure unless:

14 (1) the physician has prior knowledge of an adverse  
15 reaction to pain relief medication by the pregnant woman; or

16 (2) there is a medical emergency where there is  
17 insufficient time to provide pain relief medication before  
18 the abortion is performed.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.