HOUSE BILL 1679

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By Representatives Klippert and Chase

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AN ACT Relating to prohibiting abortions performed by means of medication; adding a new section to chapter 9.02 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
8 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health care provider
9 may knowingly:

10 (a) Perform an abortion by means of medication; or

11 (b) Prescribe or dispense any medications for the purpose of 12 inducing an abortion.

(2) This section does not apply to an abortion that is necessaryto preserve the life of the mother.

15 (3) A health care provider who violates this section is guilty of 16 a class C felony.

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its 18 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the 19 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 20 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of 3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes 4 effect immediately.

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