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Short Title: End Marketing/Sale Unborn Children Body Parts.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE DONATION OF THE
3 REMAINS OF AN UNBORN CHILD; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ANY ABORTED
4 OR MISCARRIED MATERIAL OR REMAINS OF AN UNBORN CHILD RESULTING
5 FROM AN ABORTION OR MISCARRIAGE; AND TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE
6 FUNDS FOR CONTRACTS PERTAINING TO TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION
7 INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-131.10 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 130A-131.10. Manner of disposition of remains of pregnancies.

11 (a) The Commission for Public Health shall adopt rules to ensure that all facilities
12 authorized to terminate pregnancies, and all medical or research laboratories or facilities to
13 which the remains of terminated pregnancies are sent ~~by facilities authorized to terminate~~
14 ~~pregnancies~~, shall dispose of the remains in a manner limited to burial, cremation, or, except as
15 prohibited by subsection (b) of this section, approved hospital type of incineration.

16 (b) A hospital or other medical facility or a medical or research laboratory or facility
17 shall dispose of the remains of a recognizable fetus only by burial or cremation. The
18 Commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

19 ~~(c) A hospital or other medical facility is relieved from the obligation to dispose of the~~
20 ~~remains in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section if it sends the remains to a~~
21 ~~medical or research laboratory or facility.~~

22 (d) This section does not impose liability on a permitted medical waste treatment
23 facility for a hospital's or other medical facility's violation of this section nor does it impose any
24 additional duty on the treatment facility to inspect waste received from the hospital or medical
25 facility to determine compliance with this section.

26 (e) Nothing in this section shall prevent the mother from donating the remains of her
27 unborn child after a spontaneous abortion or miscarriage to a research facility for research or
28 from acquiring the remains of the unborn child after a spontaneous abortion or miscarriage. The
29 mother's informed written consent to allow research to be conducted upon the remains of the
30 unborn child after a spontaneous abortion or miscarriage must be obtained prior to the donation
31 and must be separate from any other prior consent.

32 (f) Nothing in this section shall prevent the performance of autopsies performed
33 according to law, or any pathological examinations, chromosomal analyses, cultures, or any
34 other examinations deemed necessary by attending pathologists or treating physicians for
35 diagnostic purposes."



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1 **SECTION 2.** Article 11 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 14-46.1. Prohibit sale of the remains of an unborn child resulting from an abortion or**
4 **miscarriage.**

5 (a) No person shall sell the remains of an unborn child resulting from an abortion or a
6 miscarriage or any aborted or miscarried material.

7 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "sell" shall mean the transfer from one person
8 to another in exchange for any consideration whatsoever. The term shall not include payment
9 for incineration, burial, cremation, or any services performed pursuant to G.S. 130A-131.10(f).

10 (c) A person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class I felony."

11 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 130A-131.15A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) The Department's use of State funds for initiatives and projects authorized under this
13 section shall not include the allocation of funds to renew or extend existing contracts or enter
14 into new contracts for the provision of family planning services, pregnancy prevention
15 activities, or adolescent parenting programs with any provider that performs abortions."

16 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015. Sections 1 and 2 of this
17 act apply to offenses committed on or after that date.