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S.B. No. 227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of laws prohibiting abortion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 171.206(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This subchapter may not be construed to:

(1) authorize the initiation of a cause of action against or the prosecution of a pregnant individual ~~[woman]~~ on whom an abortion is performed or induced or attempted to be performed or induced in violation of this subchapter;

(2) wholly or partly repeal, either expressly or by implication, any other statute that regulates or prohibits abortion~~[, including Chapter 6-1/2, Title 71, Revised Statutes]~~; or

(3) restrict a political subdivision from regulating or prohibiting abortion in a manner that is at least as stringent as the laws of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 171.207(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Subsection (a) may not be construed to:

(1) legalize the conduct prohibited by this subchapter ~~[or by Chapter 6-1/2, Title 71, Revised Statutes]~~;

(2) limit in any way or affect the availability of a remedy established by Section 171.208; or

(3) limit the enforceability of any other laws that

1 regulate or prohibit abortion.

2 SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

3 (1) Chapter 170A, Health and Safety Code; and

4 (2) Chapter 6-1/2, Title 71, Revised Statutes.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.