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H.B. No. 1307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of abortion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 245.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (4-c) to read as follows:

(1) "Abortion" means the act of using or prescribing an instrument, a drug, a medicine, or any other substance, device, or means with the intent to cause the death of an unborn child of a woman known to be pregnant. The term does not include birth control devices, ~~or~~ oral contraceptives, or in vitro fertilization. An act is not an abortion if the act is done with the intent to:

(A) save the life or preserve the health of an unborn child;

(B) remove a dead, unborn child whose death was caused by spontaneous abortion; or

(C) remove an ectopic pregnancy.

(4-c) "In vitro fertilization" means the practice by which eggs are collected from ovaries and manually fertilized by sperm for later placement inside a uterus.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.