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To protect infants who are born alive.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Born-Alive Infants
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BORN-ALIVE INFANT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’**
 2 **as including born-alive infant**

3 “(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Con-
 4 gress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the
 5 various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United
 6 States, the words ‘person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘in-
 7 dividual’, shall include every infant member of the species
 8 homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of develop-
 9 ment.

10 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘born alive’,
 11 with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens,
 12 means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or
 13 her mother of that member, at any stage of development,
 14 who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a
 15 beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite
 16 movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the
 17 umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the
 18 expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or
 19 induced labor, caesarean section, or induced abortion.

20 “(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-
 21 firm, deny, expand, or contract any legal status or legal
 22 right applicable to any member of the species homo sapi-
 23 ens at any point prior to being born alive as defined in
 24 this section.”.

25 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 26 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:
 - “8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’ as including born-alive in-
fant.”.

