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S. 481

To prohibit certain abortions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 1997

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) 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 “Post-Viability Abortion
5 Restriction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ABORTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful, in or affect-
8 ing interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly to perform
9 an abortion after the fetus has become viable.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not apply if, in
11 the medical judgment of the attending physician, the abor-

1 tion is necessary to preserve the life of the woman or to
2 avert serious adverse health consequences to the woman.

3 (c) CIVIL PENALTY.—A physician who violates this
4 section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed
5 \$10,000. The civil penalty provided by this subsection is
6 the exclusive remedy for a violation of this section.

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