

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4153

To prohibit certain abortions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Banning Late Term  
5       Abortions 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.

1       (b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not prohibit any  
2 abortion if, at the time of the abortion the physician con-  
3 cludes in good faith according to the physician’s best med-  
4 ical judgment, the abortion is necessary to preserve the  
5 life of the woman or to avert serious adverse health con-  
6 sequences to the woman.

7       (c) CIVIL PENALTY.—A physician who violates this  
8 section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed  
9 \$100,000.

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