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H. R. 1546

To provide that the inferior courts of the United States do not have jurisdiction to hear abortion-related cases.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2003

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Life-Protecting Judi-
5 cial Limitation Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF ABORTION-RELATED CASES FROM**
7 **FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 85 of title 28, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 1370. Removal of jurisdiction over abortion-related**
 2 **cases**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The district courts of the United
 4 States, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of
 5 the Virgin Islands, and the District Court for the North-
 6 ern Mariana Islands shall not have jurisdiction to hear or
 7 determine any abortion-related case.

8 “(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
 9 term ‘abortion-related case’ means any action in which any
 10 requirement, prohibition, or other provision relating to
 11 abortion that is contained in a State or Federal statute
 12 is at issue.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 14 tents for chapter 85 of title 28, United States Code, is
 15 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1370. Removal of jurisdiction over abortion-related cases.”.

16 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF ABORTION-RELATED CASES FROM**
 17 **FEDERAL CLAIMS COURT JURISDICTION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 91 of title 28, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing new section:

21 **“§ 1510. Removal of jurisdiction over abortion-related**
 22 **cases**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Court of Fed-
 24 eral Claims shall not have jurisdiction to hear or deter-
 25 mine any abortion-related case.

1 “(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
2 term ‘abortion-related case’ means any action in which any
3 requirement, prohibition, or other provision relating to
4 abortion that is contained in a State or Federal statute
5 is at issue.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
7 tents for chapter 91 of title 28, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1510. Removal of jurisdiction over abortion-related cases.”.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall apply to
11 cases filed on or after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act.

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