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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

## 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   **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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