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H. R. 2764

To provide that human life shall be deemed to exist from conception.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STOCKMAN (for himself, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide that human life shall be deemed to exist from
conception.

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 “Sanctity of Life Act
5 of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that uncontroverted
8 scientific evidence has always shown that actual human
9 life exists from the moment of conception.

1 (b) DECLARATION.—Upon the basis of these find-
2 ings, and in the exercise of the powers of the Congress,
3 the Congress hereby declares that human life shall be
4 deemed to exist from fertilization, without regard to race,
5 sex, age, health, defect, or condition of dependency; and
6 “person” shall include all human life as defined herein.
7 Congress further recognizes that each State has a compel-
8 ling interest in protecting the lives of those within the
9 State’s jurisdiction whom the State rationally regards as
10 human beings.

11 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

12 (a) Chapter 81 of title 28, United States Code, is
13 amended by adding the following new section and renum-
14 bering any appropriate section accordingly:

15 **“§ 1260. Appellate jurisdiction; limitations**

16 “Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1253,
17 1254, and 1257 of this chapter, the Supreme Court shall
18 not have jurisdiction to review, by appeal, writ of certio-
19 rari, or otherwise, any case arising out of any statute, or-
20 dinance, rule, regulation, practice, or any part thereof, or
21 arising out of any act interpreting, applying, enforcing,
22 or effecting any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or
23 practice, on the grounds that such statute, ordinance, rule,
24 regulation, practice, act, or part thereof (1) protects the
25 rights of human persons between conception and birth, or

1 (2) prohibits, limits, or regulates (a) the performance of
 2 abortions or (b) the provision of public expense of funds,
 3 facilities, personnel, or other assistance for the perform-
 4 ance of abortions.”.

5 (b) The section analysis of chapter 81 of title 28 is
 6 amended by adding the following new item:

“1260. Appellate jurisdiction; limitations.”.

7 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

8 (a) Chapter 85 of title 28, United States Code, is
 9 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
 10 section and renumbering any appropriate section accord-
 11 ingly:

12 **“§ 1365. Limitations on jurisdiction**

13 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the dis-
 14 trict courts shall not have jurisdiction of any case or ques-
 15 tion which the Supreme Court does not have jurisdiction
 16 to review under section 1260 of this title.”.

17 (b) The section analysis at the beginning of chapter
 18 85 of title 28 is amended by adding at the end thereof
 19 the following new item:

“1365. Limitations on jurisdiction.”.

20 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The provisions of this Act shall take effect imme-
 22 diately upon enactment.

1 **SEC. 6. SEVERABILITY.**

2 If any provision of this Act or the application thereof
3 to any person or circumstance is judicially determined to
4 be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and
5 the application of such provision to other persons and cir-
6 cumstances shall not be affected by such determination.

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