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ENROLLED, An Act,

To provide that a physician is not required to make a determination of the probable post-fertilization age of an unborn child prior to any procedure other than an abortion; to specify that the reporting requirements for reporting fetal deaths and pregnancy terminations shall be construed to require a report of the probable post-fertilization age only for abortion procedures; and to provide that the term "abortion," when used in the Code of Alabama 1975, or in the Alabama Administrative Code, shall not be construed to include any procedure to terminate an ectopic pregnancy, unless the statutory provision or rule expressly states that it is intended to apply to an ectopic pregnancy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the term ectopic pregnancy means any pregnancy resulting from a fertilized egg that has implanted or attached outside the uterus. The term also includes a pregnancy resulting from a fertilized egg implanted inside the cornu of the uterus.

Section 2. The term "abortion," when used in the Code of Alabama 1975, or in the Alabama Administrative Code, shall not be construed to include any procedure to terminate an ectopic pregnancy, unless the statutory provision or rule

1 expressly states that it is intended to apply to a procedure  
2 to terminate an ectopic pregnancy.

3 Section 3. The requirement of Section 26-23B-4, Code  
4 of Alabama 1975, for a physician to make a determination of  
5 the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child prior  
6 to an abortion shall apply only to abortion procedures. The  
7 requirements of Section 22-9A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, for  
8 reporting fetal deaths and pregnancy terminations shall be  
9 construed to require a report of the probable  
10 post-fertilization age only for abortion procedures.

11 Section 4. This act shall become effective  
12 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
13 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 17-APR-12.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate    26-APR-12    Passed

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