

# SB1596



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SB1596

Introduced 2/9/2011, by Sen. Matt Murphy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 510/1

from Ch. 38, par. 81-21

Amends the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative intent.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 is amended by  
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 510/1) (from Ch. 38, par. 81-21)

7 Sec. 1. It is the ~~the~~ intention of the General Assembly of  
8 the State of Illinois to reasonably regulate abortion in  
9 conformance with the decisions of the United States Supreme  
10 Court of January 22, 1973. Without in any way restricting the  
11 right of privacy of a woman or the right of a woman to an  
12 abortion under those decisions, the General Assembly of the  
13 State of Illinois do solemnly declare and find in reaffirmation  
14 of the longstanding policy of this State, that the unborn child  
15 is a human being from the time of conception and is, therefore,  
16 a legal person for purposes of the unborn child's right to life  
17 and is entitled to the right to life from conception under the  
18 laws and Constitution of this State. Further, the General  
19 Assembly finds and declares that longstanding policy of this  
20 State to protect the right to life of the unborn child from  
21 conception by prohibiting abortion unless necessary to  
22 preserve the life of the mother is impermissible only because  
23 of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court and that,

1 therefore, if those decisions of the United States Supreme  
2 Court are ever reversed or modified or the United States  
3 Constitution is amended to allow protection of the unborn then  
4 the former policy of this State to prohibit abortions unless  
5 necessary for the preservation of the mother's life shall be  
6 reinstated.

7 It is the further intention of the General Assembly to  
8 assure and protect the woman's health and the integrity of the  
9 woman's decision whether or not to continue to bear a child, to  
10 protect the valid and compelling state interest in the infant  
11 and unborn child, to assure the integrity of marital and  
12 familial relations and the rights and interests of persons who  
13 participate in such relations, and to gather data for  
14 establishing criteria for medical decisions. The General  
15 Assembly finds as fact, upon hearings and public disclosures,  
16 that these rights and interests are not secure in the economic  
17 and social context in which abortion is presently performed.

18 (Source: P.A. 81-1078.)