

SENATE BILL No. 1156

December 4, 2014, Introduced by Senators EMMONS, SCHUITMAKER, RICHARDVILLE, MEEKHOF, JANSEN, PAPPAGEORGE, NOFS, MOOLENAAR, WALKER, CASPERSON, COLBECK, MARLEAU, GREEN, HANSEN, BRANDENBURG, ROBERTSON, JONES, PROOS, KOWALL, PAVLOV, BOOHER, HILDENBRAND, HUNE, CASWELL, KAHN and HUNTER and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 213a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 213A. (1) A PERSON HAVING ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE THAT A FEMALE
2 INDIVIDUAL IS PREGNANT SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITH THE
3 INTENT TO COERCE HER TO HAVE AN ABORTION AGAINST HER WILL:

4 (A) COMMIT, ATTEMPT TO COMMIT, OR THREATEN TO COMMIT ANY OF
5 THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS AGAINST HER OR ANY OTHER PERSON:

6 (i) A VIOLATION OF SECTION 411H OR SECTION 411I.

7 (ii) AN ASSAULTIVE CRIME. AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH,
8 "ASSAULTIVE CRIME" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 9A OF
9 CHAPTER X OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1927 PA 175, MCL
10 770.9A.

11 (B) AFTER BEING INFORMED BY A PREGNANT FEMALE THAT SHE DOES

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1 NOT WANT TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (i) DISCONTINUE, ATTEMPT TO DISCONTINUE, OR THREATEN TO
3 DISCONTINUE SUPPORT THAT THE PERSON HAS A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY TO
4 PROVIDE OR REDUCE THAT SUPPORT TO A LEVEL BELOW HIS OR HER LEGAL
5 RESPONSIBILITY.

6 (ii) WITHDRAW, ATTEMPT TO WITHDRAW, OR THREATEN TO WITHDRAW
7 FROM A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT OR OTHERWISE VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THAT
8 CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT HAVING PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT OR
9 OTHER LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE PREGNANT FEMALE IS A
10 PARTY OR BENEFICIARY.

11 (iii) DISCHARGE OR THREATEN TO DISCHARGE HER FROM EMPLOYMENT.
12 <<(iv) ENGAGE IN COERCION AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION
13 462A.>>

14 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1) (B), INFORMATION THAT A
15 PREGNANT FEMALE DOES NOT WANT TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION INCLUDES ANY
16 STATEMENT OR ACT, INCLUDING INACTION, THAT WOULD CLEARLY
17 DEMONSTRATE TO A REASONABLE PERSON THAT SHE IS UNWILLING TO COMPLY
18 WITH A REQUEST OR DEMAND TO HAVE AN ABORTION.

19 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 (A) FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) (A), THE PERSON IS GUILTY
22 OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS FOR THE UNDERLYING
23 OFFENSE COMMITTED, ATTEMPTED, OR THREATENED.

24 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (C), FOR A VIOLATION OF
25 SUBSECTION (1) (B), THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE
26 BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00.

27 (C) IF THE PERSON IS THE FATHER OR PUTATIVE FATHER OF THE
UNBORN CHILD, THE PREGNANT INDIVIDUAL IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE
AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, AND THE PERSON IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR

1 OLDER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A
2 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00.

3 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE PERSON FROM BEING
4 CHARGED WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR PUNISHED FOR ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF
5 LAW COMMITTED WHILE VIOLATING THIS SECTION.

6 (5) THE COURT MAY ORDER A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED FOR
7 VIOLATING THIS SECTION TO BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY TO ANY OTHER TERM
8 OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION OF LAW COMMITTED WHILE
9 VIOLATING THIS SECTION.

10 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

11 (A) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PATTERN OF CONDUCT COMPOSED OF
12 A SERIES OF 2 OR MORE SEPARATE NONCONTINUOUS ACTS EVIDENCING A
13 CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.

14 (B) "THREATEN" MEANS TO MAKE 2 OR MORE STATEMENTS OR TO ENGAGE
15 IN A COURSE OF CONDUCT THAT WOULD CAUSE A REASONABLE PERSON TO
16 BELIEVE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS LIKELY TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
17 STATEMENTS OR THE COURSE OF CONDUCT. THREATEN DOES NOT INCLUDE
18 CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED SPEECH OR ANY GENERALIZED STATEMENT
19 REGARDING A LAWFUL PREGNANCY OPTION.

20 (C) "UNBORN CHILD" MEANS A LIVE HUMAN BEING IN UTERO
21 REGARDLESS OF HIS OR HER GESTATIONAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
23 after the date it is enacted.