

Senate Bill 434

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 19th, Crane of the 28th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide a short title; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to opt out of funding certain  
3 abortions through certain qualified health plans; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide  
4 for a right of intervention in certain lawsuits; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Federal Abortion Mandate Opt-out Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
11 insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "33-24-59.16.

13 (a) No abortion coverage shall be provided by a qualified health plan offered through a  
14 federal law or regulation within the State of Georgia.

15 (b) This limitation shall not apply to an abortion performed when the life of the mother is  
16 endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury.

17 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as creating or recognizing a right to an  
18 abortion.

19 (d) It is not the intention of this Code section to make lawful an abortion that is currently  
20 unlawful."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 The General Assembly, by joint resolution, may appoint one or more of its members who  
23 sponsored or cosponsored this Act in his or her official capacity to intervene as a matter of  
24 right in any case in which the constitutionality of this Act or any portion thereof is  
25 challenged.

26 **SECTION 4.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 5.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.