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H.B. NO. 148

2  
3 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

4 AN ACT

5 relating to the consent required for the termination of preg-  
6 nancy; and declaring an emergency.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

8 Section 1. A pregnant female who is married or who is 16  
9 years old or older has the capacity to consent to the termina-  
10 tion of her pregnancy by a licensed physician.

11 Section 2. A parent of an unmarried pregnant female 15  
12 years old or younger has the capacity to consent to the termi-  
13 nation of the pregnancy by a licensed physician, except that  
14 in addition to a parent's consent, an unmarried female 14 or 15  
15 years old must also consent to the termination of her pregnancy.

16 Section 3. A licensed physician who with the consent or  
17 consents required by this Act terminates the pregnancy of a  
18 female is not subject to civil or criminal penalties, except for  
19 negligence.

20 Section 4. No licensed physician shall be forced against  
21 his conscience to terminate a pregnancy.

22 Section 5. The importance of this legislation and the  
23 crowded condition of the calendars in both Houses create an  
24 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitu-  
25 tional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in  
26 each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and  
27 that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its  
passage, and it is so enacted.

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