

No. 1978-148

AN ACT

SB 1254

Amending the act of September 10, 1974 (P.L.639, No.209), entitled "An act regulating abortions; providing requirements relating to consent, and protection of premature infants aborted alive; limiting the subsidizing of abortions; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Health; and prescribing penalties," prohibiting subsidizing of abortions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 7, act of September 10, 1974 (P.L.639, No.209), known as the "Abortion Control Act," is amended to read:

Section 7. Subsidizing of Abortions *Prohibited*.—Since it is the public policy of the Commonwealth [not to use public funds to pay for unneeded and unnecessary abortions,] *to favor childbirth over abortion, no public funds shall be used to promote abortion*, no abortion shall be subsidized by any State or local governmental agency [in the absence of a certificate of a physician, filed with such body,] *unless there is filed with such agency a certificate signed by a physician* stating that [such] *the* abortion is necessary in order to [preserve] *save* the life [or health] of the mother. Nothing contained in this section shall be interpreted to restrict or limit in any way, appropriations, made by the Commonwealth or a local governmental agency to hospitals for their maintenance and operation, or, for reimbursement to hospitals for services [performed] *rendered which are not for the performance of abortions*.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

We certify that this bill, Senate Bill No. 1254, Printer's No. 1543, having passed both Houses, vetoed by the Governor, official notification of which was returned to the Senate where the Senate reconsidered and passed the bill by a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the Senate September 25, 1978, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon notification by the Senate as to their action, the House Representatives reconsidered and passed the bill on September 26, 1978 by a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the House of Representatives, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

ERNEST P. KLINE
President, Senate

K. LEROY IRVIS
Speaker, House of Representatives

MARK GRUELL, JR.
Secretary, Senate

VINCENT F. SCARCELLI
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Note. The date of final enactment of Act No. 1978-148 is Sept. 26, 1978.