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HOUSE BILL 2475

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By Representatives Boldt and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a determination of paternity for  
2 receiving certain benefits; adding a new section to chapter 9.02 RCW;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Public funds may not be used by state or local governments, or any  
8 political subdivision or agency thereof, to pay or otherwise reimburse,  
9 either directly or indirectly, any person, agency, organization, or  
10 facility for the performance of any induced abortion unless the  
11 paternity of the aborted fetus has been established and the name of the  
12 father has been provided to the office of support enforcement.  
13 However, public funds may be used to pay for the performance of an  
14 induced abortion without establishing paternity when the abortion is  
15 necessary to prevent the death of either the pregnant woman or her  
16 unborn child under circumstances where every reasonable effort is made  
17 to preserve the life of each.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support  
3 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall  
4 take effect immediately.

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