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**SENATE BILL 5852**

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**State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2005 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Swecker, Mulliken, Schmidt, Stevens, Oke and Benton

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1            AN ACT Relating to prohibiting public funding of abortion; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 9.02 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6            Public funds shall not be used by state or local governments, or  
7 any political subdivision or agency thereof, to pay or otherwise  
8 reimburse, either directly or indirectly, any person, agency,  
9 organization, or facility for the performance of any induced abortion.  
10 Public funds may be used to pay for the performance of an induced  
11 abortion necessary to prevent the death of either the pregnant woman or  
12 her unborn child under circumstances where every reasonable effort is  
13 made to preserve the life of each.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support  
16 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes

1 effect immediately.

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