HOUSE BILL 1679

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting abortions performed by means of
- 2 medication; adding a new section to chapter 9.02 RCW; prescribing
- 3 penalties; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.02 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, 8 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health care provider
- 9 may knowingly:
- 10 (a) Perform an abortion by means of medication; or
- 11 (b) Prescribe or dispense any medications for the purpose of inducing an abortion.
- 13 (2) This section does not apply to an abortion that is necessary 14 to preserve the life of the mother.
- 15 (3) A health care provider who violates this section is guilty of a class C felony.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
- 18 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
- 19 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 20 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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