HOUSE BILL NO. HB0116

Abortion amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Steinmetz, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Halverson, Jennings, Lone, Piiparinen and Winters and Senator(s) Agar, Kinskey and Meier

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to abortions; amending the definition of "viability" to include the ability to feel pain; prohibiting the sale or transfer of any aborted child or cells or tissue from an aborted child for experimentation; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-6-101(a)(vii) and 35-6-115 are amended to read:

35-6-101. Definitions.
(a) As used in the act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(vii) "Viability" means that stage of human development when the embryo or fetus is able to feel pain or to live by natural or life-supportive systems outside the womb of the mother according to appropriate medical judgment;

35-6-115. Penalty for giving away an aborted child for experimentation.

Whoever sells, transfers, distributes or gives away any live or viable aborted child or any tissue or cells from an aborted child for any form of experimentation is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one (1) year nor more than fourteen (14) years. Any person consenting, aiding or abetting such sale, transfer, distribution or other unlawful disposition of an aborted child or any tissue or cells from an aborted child is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars
($10,000.00) and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one (1) year nor more than fourteen (14) years or both, and shall also be subject to prosecution for violation of any other criminal statute.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.