

1 AN ACT in relation to abortion.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 is amended
5 by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 510/1) (from Ch. 38, par. 81-21)

7 Sec. 1. Legislative intent. It is the intention of the
8 General Assembly of the State of Illinois to reasonably
9 regulate abortion in conformance with the decisions of the
10 United States Supreme Court of January 22, 1973. Without in
11 any way restricting the right of privacy of a woman or the
12 right of a woman to an abortion under those decisions, the
13 General Assembly of the State of Illinois do solemnly declare
14 and find in reaffirmation of the longstanding policy of this
15 State, that the unborn child is a human being from the time
16 of conception and is, therefore, a legal person for purposes
17 of the unborn child's right to life and is entitled to the
18 right to life from conception under the laws and Constitution
19 of this State. Further, the General Assembly finds and
20 declares that longstanding policy of this State to protect
21 the right to life of the unborn child from conception by
22 prohibiting abortion unless necessary to preserve the life of
23 the mother is impermissible only because of the decisions of
24 the United States Supreme Court and that, therefore, if those
25 decisions of the United States Supreme Court are ever
26 reversed or modified or the United States Constitution is
27 amended to allow protection of the unborn then the former
28 policy of this State to prohibit abortions unless necessary
29 for the preservation of the mother's life shall be
30 reinstated.

31 It is the further intention of the General Assembly to

1 assure and protect the woman's health and the integrity of
2 the woman's decision whether or not to continue to bear a
3 child, to protect the valid and compelling state interest in
4 the infant and unborn child, to assure the integrity of
5 marital and familial relations and the rights and interests
6 of persons who participate in such relations, and to gather
7 data for establishing criteria for medical decisions. The
8 General Assembly finds as fact, upon hearings and public
9 disclosures, that these rights and interests are not secure
10 in the economic and social context in which abortion is
11 presently performed.

12 (Source: P.A. 81-1078.)