

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado

Article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

Section 17. Crimes Against Unborn Children

(1) Purpose and findings. IN 2009, THE COLORADO STATE COURT OF APPEALS IN PEOPLE V. LAGE 232 P. 3d CONCLUDED THAT:

(a) “THERE IS NO DEFINITION OF ‘PERSON’ OR ‘CHILD’ OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY IN THE CRIMINAL CODE”; AND

(b) “OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UNLIKE CONGRESS AND MOST STATE LEGISLATURES, HAS PRECLUDED HOMICIDE PROSECUTIONS FOR KILLING THE UNBORN”; THEREFORE

(c) “THIS IS AN AREA THAT CRIES OUT FOR NEW LEGISLATION.”

(2) Definitions. IN THE INTEREST OF THE PROTECTION OF PREGNANT MOTHERS AND THEIR UNBORN CHILDREN FROM CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND INJURIES, THE WORDS “PERSON” AND “CHILD” IN THE COLORADO CRIMINAL CODE AND THE COLORADO WRONGFUL DEATH ACT MUST INCLUDE UNBORN HUMAN BEINGS.

(3) Self-executing, and severability provision. ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE SELF-EXECUTING AND ARE SEVERABLE.

(4) Effective date. ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE HEREON BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(4) OF ARTICLE V.

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