Michigan Heartbeat Coalition Initiative Petition

Approved Summary of the Purpose of the Petition

An initiative petition to enact the Fetal Heartbeat Protection Act, which would require testing to determine whether cardiac activity is detectable before an abortion; prohibit a person from performing an abortion after cardiac activity is detected, unless a medical emergency involving a life-threatening condition exists, or a condition that poses a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; allow a woman who obtained an abortion in violation of the Act to sue for damages; and prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiated law.

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