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To protect the reproductive rights of women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. EDWARDS of California (for himself, Mr. FAZIO, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. SABO, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. MINETA, Mrs. MINK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 5, 1993

Additional sponsors: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. BEILENSEN, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. BYRNE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DERRICK, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DOOLEY, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. LEHMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SCHENK, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SWIFT, Mr. WASHINGTON, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. YATES, Mr. FROST, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. WILSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CARR, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. WATT, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HAMBURG, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. SHEPHERD, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STARK, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. GALLO, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. KREIDLER, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, and Mr. WAXMAN

MARCH 23, 1993

Additional sponsors: Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HOYER, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. ENGLISH of Arizona, Mr.

PICKLE, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VENTO, AND Ms.
EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF TEXAS

Deleted sponsor: Mr. SMITH of Oregon (added February 2, 1993; deleted
February 16, 1993)

A BILL

To protect the reproductive rights of women.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom of Choice
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO CHOOSE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
8 (b), a State may not restrict the right of a woman to
9 choose to terminate a pregnancy—

10 (1) before fetal viability; or

11 (2) at any time, if such termination is necessary
12 to protect the life or health of the woman.

13 (b) MEDICALLY NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.—A
14 State may impose requirements medically necessary to
15 protect the life or health of women referred to in sub-
16 section (a).

17 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
18 shall be construed to prevent a State—

1 (1) from requiring a minor to involve a parent,
2 guardian, or other responsible adult before terminat-
3 ing a pregnancy; or

4 (2) from protecting unwilling individuals from
5 having to participate in the performance of abortions
6 to which they are conscientiously opposed.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF “STATE”.**

8 As used in this Act, the term “State” includes the
9 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
10 and each other territory or possession of the United
11 States.

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