

As Introduced

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A BILL

To enact section 2903.32 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit female genital mutilation. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2903.32 of the Revised Code be 3
enacted to read as follows: 4

Sec. 2903.32. (A) (1) No person shall knowingly circumcise, 5
excise, or infibulate any part of the labia majora or labia 6
minora or clitoris of another person who is under the age of 7
eighteen. 8

(2) No person shall knowingly transport a minor to a 9
facility or location for the purpose of facilitating the 10
commission of an offense prohibited by division (A) (1) of this 11
section. 12

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of female 13
genital mutilation, a felony of the fifth degree. In addition to 14
any prison term authorized by section 2929.14 of the Revised 15
Code and any fine authorized by section 2929.18 of the Revised 16
Code, the court shall impose on the offender an additional fine 17
of up to twenty-five thousand dollars. 18

(C) This section does not apply to a procedure performed 19
for medical purposes if the act is performed by a physician or 20
licensed health care professional and the act is within the 21
scope of the actor's license. 22

(D) None of the following are defenses to a violation of 23
this section: 24

(1) Cultural or ritual necessity; 25

(2) Consent of the minor; 26

(3) Consent of the parent or guardian of the minor. 27

(E) As used in this section: 28

(1) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 29
4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or 30
osteopathic medicine and surgery. 31

(2) "Licensed health care professional" means an 32
individual, other than a physician, who is authorized under 33
Title XLVII of the Revised Code to practice a health care 34
profession. 35

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