

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 262

**Senator Maharath
Cosponsor: Senator Antonio**

A BILL

To enact section 2307.68 of the Revised Code to 1
permit a person to file a civil action for 2
damages and injunctive relief against another 3
person who causes the person to have an 4
unintended pregnancy, regardless of the 5
circumstances. 6

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

Section 1. That section 2307.68 of the Revised Code be 7
enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 2307.68. (A) As used in this section, "pregnancy" has 9
the same meaning as in section 2919.19 of the Revised Code. 10

(B) Any person may bring a civil action against another 11
person who does either of the following: 12

(1) Causes the person to have an unintended pregnancy, 13
regardless of the circumstances; 14

(2) Aids or abets any other person in causing the person 15
to have an unintended pregnancy, regardless of the 16
circumstances. 17

<u>(C) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence</u>	18
<u>that the defendant has acted as described in division (B) (1) or</u>	19
<u>(2) of this section, the court shall enter judgment in favor of</u>	20
<u>the plaintiff that shall include all of the following:</u>	21
<u>(1) Injunctive relief to prevent the defendant from</u>	22
<u>causing a person, or from aiding or abetting any other person in</u>	23
<u>causing a person, to have an unintended pregnancy, regardless of</u>	24
<u>the circumstances;</u>	25
<u>(2) Statutory damages in an amount not less than five</u>	26
<u>thousand dollars;</u>	27
<u>(3) Court costs and attorney's fees.</u>	28
<u>(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised</u>	29
<u>Code, a person may bring an action under this section not later</u>	30
<u>than five years after the cause of action has accrued.</u>	31