As Introduced

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S. B. No. 262

Senator Maharath

Cosponsor: Senator Antonio

A BILL

То	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	-
	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

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