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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation amends the Fetal Heartbeat Preborn Child Protection Act to include a private enforcement mechanism allowing civil lawsuits against medical professionals who perform unlawful abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Although life begins at conception, a detectable heartbeat is a key indicator of the existence of life.

## FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the State or general fund because it requires no expenditure of State funds.

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