



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5142

LCO No. 4698



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) Except as provided in
2 subsection (b) of this section, a person is guilty of performing female
3 genital mutilation when such person knowingly circumcises, excises or
4 infibulates the whole or any part of the labia majora or labia minora or
5 clitoris of a person under the age of eighteen.

6 (b) A surgical operation is not a violation of subsection (a) of this
7 section if such operation is (1) necessary to the health of the person on
8 whom it is performed, as determined by a physician licensed pursuant
9 to chapter 370 of the general statutes, and performed by a physician
10 licensed pursuant to said chapter; or (2) performed on a person in
11 labor or who has just given birth, for medical purposes related to such
12 labor or birth, by a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
13 general statutes, a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377 of
14 the general statutes or a person in training to become such a physician
15 or nurse-midwife. A surgical operation is not necessary to the health of
16 the person on whom it is performed if the basis for such necessity is

17 the belief of such person or any other person that such operation is
18 required as a matter of custom or ritual.

19 (c) Performing female genital mutilation is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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