

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **Sponsor Statement**

### **Senate Bill 124 Born Alive**

Great strides have been made in modern medicine, and more babies born prematurely are surviving these early deliveries. With these medical advancements, all babies should be afforded the same degree of chance and care.

Senate Bill 124 requires that a physician use the method of terminating a pregnancy that gives the baby the best possibility of survival outside the mother's womb. The physician will exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as would be rendered to a child born alive in the course of a natural birth.

This approach provides another option to parents, if they do not wish to keep the child after birth. The child can be surrendered, and it will be considered a child in need of aid.

I ask for your support of Senate Bill 124.