

SENATE BILL NO. 16

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 1/21/09

Referred: Health and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act defining 'natural person,' 'human being,' 'child,' 'individual,' and 'born alive.'"**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 **SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be known as the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 01.10.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (c) In the laws of the state, including administrative interpretations of the laws
8 through regulation and ruling, "natural person," "human being," "child," and
9 "individual" include an infant member of the species *Homo sapiens* who is born alive
10 at any stage of development. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to affirm,
11 deny, expand, or contract any legal status or legal right applicable to any member of
12 the species *Homo sapiens* at any point before being born alive. In this subsection,
13 "born alive," with respect to a member of the species *Homo sapiens*, means the
14 complete expulsion or extraction from the mother of that member, at any stage of
15 development, who, after the expulsion or extraction, breathes or has a beating heart,

1 pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless
2 of whether the umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the expulsion or
3 extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced
4 abortion.