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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 372

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act limiting the use of state money to pay for
7 abortions."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 18.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 18.16.020. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT FOR ABORTIONS. (a) State
11 money or money controlled or disbursed by an instrumentality of the
12 state may not be used to pay for an abortion unless the physician
13 performing the abortion certifies in writing that the abortion was
14 necessary to prevent the death of the woman undergoing the abortion
15 and that in the physician's professional judgment reasonable efforts,
16 consistent with preventing the death of the woman undergoing the
17 abortion, were made to save the life of the unborn child.

18 (b) In this section

19 (1) "abortion" means an operation or procedure to terminate
20 a pregnancy in which the fetus is not viable;

21 (2) "instrumentality of the state" means a state department
22 or agency, whether in the legislative, judicial, or executive branch.