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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 496

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to examination and testing of fetal
7 tissue after induced termination of pregnancy."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08.64.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to
10 read:

11 (b) The board shall by regulation adopt guidelines for appropri-
12 ate procedures to be used under AS 18.16.020 for the examination and
13 testing of fetal tissue after an abortion is performed.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 18.16 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 18.16.020. LABORATORY TESTING. (a) A physician or surgeon
16 who performs a procedure to induce the termination of a pregnancy,
17 other than a procedure intended to result in a live birth, shall

18 (1) examine the resulting fetal tissue;

19 (2) provide for appropriate laboratory testing of the fetal
20 tissue under guidelines established by the State Medical Board under
21 AS 08.64.105; and

22 (3) report to the woman the results of the examination and
23 testing performed under (1) and (2) of this subsection if they indi-
24 cate that the woman's physical health may be affected by complications
25 related to termination of the pregnancy.

26 (b) A physician or surgeon who fails to make a report required
27 under (a)(3) of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.