



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 505

LCO No. 3773



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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, and is performed by a physician licensed
9 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes; or (2) performed on a
10 person in labor or who has just given birth by a physician licensed
11 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, a nurse-midwife
12 licensed pursuant to chapter 377 of the general statutes or a person in
13 training to become such a physician or nurse-midwife. A surgical
14 operation is not necessary to the health of the person on whom it is
15 performed if the basis for such necessity is the belief of such person or
16 any other person that such operation is required as a matter of custom

17 or ritual.

18 (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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