

Therapeutic Abortion Act*

Singular Article- Therapeutic abortion may be carried out upon the conclusive diagnosis by three specialized medical doctors and the verification by the Forensic Examiner of fetal illness that will cause hardship for the mother due to retardation or deformity, or a life threatening illness of the mother, prior to ensoulment (four months) and with the mother's consent. No punishment or liability shall be attributed to the doctor conducting the abortion.

Anyone who does not comply with this law shall be subject to the punishments set forth in the Islamic Penal Code.

The above law containing a singular article was approved by the Plenary Open Session of Parliament on Tuesday, 31 May 2005 and was verified by the Guardian Council on 15 June 2005.

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