Abortion at a glance

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Here are key elements of a bill passed by the Louisiana Legislature that outlaws most abortions by creating a new simple battery offense:

— Simple battery of abortion is the specific intent of terminating a pregnancy other than to preserve the life or health of an unborn child or to remove a dead fetus.

— The crime does not include an abortion performed on the victim of incest but the abortion must be performed in the first trimester.

— Only a licensed physician may perform an abortion in the circumstances allowed by law.

— Although simple battery in Louisiana ordinarily is a misdemeanor with a maximum six-month prison term and $500 fine, abortionists under this bill would face prison at hard labor from one to 10 years year and fines of not less than $10,000 or more than $100,000.

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