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"that this is of such importance because it deals with the saving of lives of unborn children."

In enacting the abortion ban law, the 1991 Legislature overrode Gov. Buddy Roemer's veto of the measure. The day after the override, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law.

The law, which was scheduled to take effect next month, would allow abortions only to save the life of the mother and in promptly reported cases of rape and incest.

Doctors who perform illegal abortions face up to 10 years in prison and a $100,000 fine. Women would not be penalized for having abortions.

The ban requires rape victims to seek medical attention within five days of the crime and to report it to law enforcement agencies within seven days of its occurrence.
Cruise appeals ruling against abortion ban