Committee Substitute for

House Bill No. 1834

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1834 - By: HAMILTON of the House and LEFTWICH of the Senate.

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; providing exceptions; providing for the revocation of certain professional licenses; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 760 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Female genital mutilation shall be unlawful in the State of Oklahoma.

Whoever knowingly circumcises, excises, or infibulates, in whole or in part, the labia majora, labia minora, or clitoris of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by incarceration in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than three (3) years nor more than twenty (20) years and a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00). Consent to the procedure by a minor on whom it is performed or by the parent or parents of the minor is not a defense to a violation of this subsection.
B. A surgical procedure is not a violation of subsection A of this section if the procedure:

1. Is necessary as a recognized treatment for a known disease or for purposes of cosmetic surgery to repair a defect or injury for the person on whom it is performed and is performed by:
   a. a licensed physician, or
   b. a physician in training under the supervision of a licensed physician; or

2. Is necessary in the assistance of childbirth or for medical purposes connected with that labor or birth and is performed by:
   a. a licensed physician,
   b. a physician in training under the supervision of a licensed physician, or
   c. a certified nurse-midwife.

C. Any physician, physician in training, certified nurse-midwife or any other medical professional who performs or participates in a female genital mutilation procedure shall, in addition to the penalties in subsection A of this section, have the professional license or certification of the person permanently revoked.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 02-24-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.