

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No:	H2546
Title:	<i>An Act related to unborn victims of down syndrome</i>
Sponsor:	Representative Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	July 10, 2025
Similar Matters:	None
Prior History:	Re-file of H2277 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health; Accompanied a study order.
Reporting Deadline:	September 8, 2025
Current Law:	None

Summary:

This bill would create a new chapter, Chapter 112A.

Section 1: Chapter 112A will be known as the Unborn Victims of Down Syndrome Act

Section 2: Provides definitions for abortion, down syndrome, and unborn child.

- Abortion means the purposeful termination of a human pregnancy by any person with an intention other than to produce live birth or to remove dead unborn child or embryo.
- Unborn child means the developing human child in utero from conception to birth

Section 3 (a): Prohibits a person from performing an abortion if the person has knowledge that the individual seeking the abortion is doing so because of the following:

- A test result indicating Down syndrome in an unborn child
- A prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome
- Any other reason to believe than an unborn child has Down syndrome

Section 3 (b): Violators of Section 3(a) are punishable by imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 15 years, imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years, by a fine or not more than \$15,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment.

Section 3(c): The appropriate Board (Medicine/Nursing/Physician Assistant) will revoke the medical license of any person who violates Section 3(a).

Section 3(d): Any person who violates Section 3(a) is liable in a civil action for compensatory and exemplary damages.

Section 3(e): The person on whom the abortion is performed is not guilty of violating Section 3(a).

Section 3(f): If any provision under this Chapter is found to be invalid, it will not invalidate the other provisions or the application of this Chapter.