**Committee Analysis for HB2779**

* **Amendments:**

**A1: House Amendment #1 by Rep. Alexander (014159):**

**Rewrites the bill. Enacts the Human Life Protection Act. Prohibits abortion, unless it is performed by a licensed physician in order toprevent death or irreversible bodily harm to a woman.**

**States that the enforcement of the act are brought solely through private civil actions and that any person may bring civil action against any person or entity that performs an abortion or aids or abets, or intends to aid or abet, in the performance of an abortion, regardless of their knowledge of the abortion.**

**Requires the court to award a minimum of $10,000, along with compensatory damages for emotional distress and attorney’s fees, to the claimant if they prevail in the civil action.**

**Allows a person to bring an action up to six years after the date the cause of action accrues.**

**States several defenses that are considered invalid, including a defendant’s reliance on a court decision that has been overruled, even if the court decision had not been overruled when the defendant violated the act.**

**States that no costs or attorney’s fees shall be paid to the defendant unless the plaintiff’s claim is frivolous, malicious, or brought in bad faith.**

**Establishes guidelines for the venue of the civil action.**

**States that each provision, section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in the act are severable, and if one is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the rest are preserved and must continue to be enforced. States that if the act is found to present an undue burden to certain individuals, the act will remain in effect for individuals to whom it does not impose an undue burden.**

**AS AMENDED BY (014159): NOT SIGNIFICANT**