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H. R. 853

To prohibit Federal funding to entities that do not certify the entities will not perform, or provide any funding to any other entity that performs, an abortion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Life and
5 Taxpayers Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ABORTION.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—No Federal funds may be pro-
8 vided (directly or indirectly, including through contract or
9 subcontract) to an entity unless the entity certifies that,

1 during the period for which such funds are provided, the
2 entity will not perform, and will not provide any funds
3 to any other entity that performs, an abortion.

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply with
5 respect to an abortion where—

6 (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or in-
7 cest; or

8 (2) a physician certifies that the woman suffers
9 from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical
10 illness that would place the woman in danger of
11 death unless an abortion is performed, including a
12 life-threatening physical condition caused by or aris-
13 ing from the pregnancy itself.

14 (c) HOSPITALS.—Subsection (a) does not apply with
15 respect to a hospital, so long as such hospital does not,
16 during the period for which funds described in subsection
17 (a) are provided to such hospital, provide funds to any
18 non-hospital entity that performs an abortion (other than
19 an abortion described in subsection (b)).

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “entity” means the entire legal
22 entity, including any entity that controls, is con-
23 trolled by, or is under common control with such en-
24 tity.

1 (2) The term “hospital” has the meaning given
2 to such term in section 1861(e) of the Social Secu-
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(e)).

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