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Short Title: Offenses Against Unborn Children

Summary:

- Establishes the following crimes against an unborn child: murder, manslaughter, negligent homicide, and assault.
- Exempts legal abortion, consequences of actions resulting from therapeutic treatment or diagnostic testing, and a pregnant woman's actions against her self or her own unborn child.
- Defines "unborn child" for application of criminal law.
- Clarifies that the new crimes do not apply to an otherwise lawful act committed by a pregnant woman against herself and her own unborn child.

Benefits:

- Provides protection for unborn children.

Background:

Clarifies Alaska Criminal law in the context of newly passed federal law of similar intent. H.R. 1997 passed at the end of January 2004. Federal law is limited in that it applies to crimes committed on federal property.