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**A B I L L**

To enact section 2919.194 of the Revised Code to 1  
provide that a health care professional is not 2  
subject to civil or criminal liability for failure 3  
to comply with abortion-related requirements in 4  
certain circumstances. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2919.194 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 2919.194.** (A) As used in this section: 8

(1) "CMA (AAMA) credential" means the credential issued by 9  
the American association of medical assistants that designates a 10  
medical assistant who has achieved certification through the 11  
certifying board of that association. 12

(2) "Health care professional" means any of the following: 13

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised 14  
Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and 15  
surgery; 16

(b) A registered nurse and a licensed practical nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and an individual who holds a certificate of authority issued under that chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner; 17  
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(c) A physician assistant authorized to practice under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code; 23  
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(d) A medical assistant who possesses, in current status, the CMA (AAMA) credential. 25  
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(B) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 2317.56, 2919.191, and 2919.192 of the Revised Code, no health care professional shall be subject to a civil penalty or be liable in a civil action for failing to comply with the requirements of section 2317.56 or 2919.191 of the Revised Code or subject to a criminal penalty for failing to comply with the requirements of section 2919.192 of the Revised Code if in the health care professional's good faith medical judgment compliance with the requirements of section 2317.56, 2919.191, or 2919.192 of the Revised Code would be inconsistent with accepted, evidence-based medical practices and ethical standards. 27  
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(C) Nothing in this section abrogates the professional standard of care to which a health care professional is expected to adhere. 38  
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