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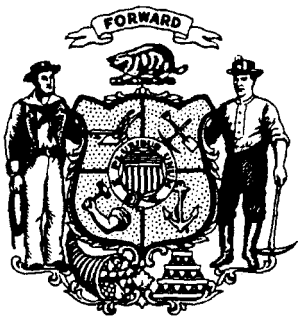

1995 Assembly Bill 926

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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 365

AN ACT *to create* 146.35 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting circumcision, excision or infibulation of certain genital tissue of a female minor and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 146.35 of the statutes is created to read:

146.35 Female genital mutilation prohibited. (1) In this section, "infibulate" means to clasp together with buckles or stitches.

(2) Except as provided in sub. (3), no person may circumcise, excise or infibulate the labia majora, labia minora or clitoris of a female minor.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the circumcision, excision or infibulation is performed by a physician, as defined in s. 448.01 (5), and is necessary for the health of the female minor or is necessary to correct an anatomical abnormality.

(4) None of the following may be asserted as a defense to prosecution for a violation of sub. (2):

(a) Consent by the female minor or by a parent of the female minor to the circumcision, excision or infibulation.

(b) The circumcision, excision or infibulation is required as a matter of custom or ritual.

(5) Whoever violates sub. (2) may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years or both.

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* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993–94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].