

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1903

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 568, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to abuse of an unborn child, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 568, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 568.068, to read as follows:

**568.068. 1. A person commits the offense of abuse of an unborn child as defined
2 in section 188.015 if such person knowingly ingests, injects, consumes, inhales, or otherwise
3 uses a narcotic drug or a controlled substance without a prescription while such person is
4 pregnant and such person knows or reasonably should have known that such person was
5 pregnant.**

6 2. The offense of abuse of an unborn child is:

**7 (1) A class A misdemeanor if the child is born addicted to or harmed by the
8 narcotic drug or controlled substance;**

**9 (2) A class D felony if the child dies as a result of the conduct chargeable under the
10 provisions of this section; or**

11 (3) A class B misdemeanor for any other violation of subsection 1 of this section.

**12 3. A violation of this section may be considered by the court for referral to a drug
13 court program as established in section 478.001 or another court-approved drug treatment
14 program.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.