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Proposed Georgia law would criminalize miscarriages

A Georgia politician has introduced a bill which would make both abortions and miscarriages punishable by death under some circumstances.

Georgia State Rep. Bobby Franklin's [HB 1](#) bill states that: "Any person committing prenatal murder in this state shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 16-5-1."

This [subsection](#) says that: "A person convicted of the offense of murder shall be punished by death or by imprisonment for life."

Although the bill states that a naturally occurring expulsion of a fetus known medically as a 'spontaneous abortion' and popularly as a 'miscarriage' would not be considered murder as long as there was no human involvement, some people question how there can be proof that there was no human involvement.

"There is no clarification of what "human involvement" means, and this is hugely problematic as medical doctors do not know exactly what causes miscarriages," wrote Jen Phillips in [Mother Jones](#).

"Miscarriages are estimated to terminate up to a quarter of all pregnancies and the Mayo Clinic says that "the actual number is probably much higher because many miscarriages occur so early in pregnancy that a woman doesn't even know she's pregnant. Most miscarriages occur because the fetus isn't developing normally.""

She called the fact that the bill holds women responsible for protecting their fetuses from the moment of conception ridiculous, as pregnancy tests usually are not accurate until at least three weeks after conception.

[Fox News](#) reported that Franklin's office said he has introduced the bill each session since 2002 but it has never made it out of committee.

Last year he [filed a bill](#) to remove the word "victim" from statutes dealing with crimes such as rape, stalking, obscene telephone contact with a child and family violence and replace it with "accuser."

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