

HB 1903 -- ABUSE OF AN UNBORN CHILD

SPONSOR: Taylor

This bill creates the offense of abuse of an unborn child. A person commits the offense of abuse of an unborn child if the person knowingly ingests, injects, consumes, inhales, or otherwise uses a narcotic drug or a controlled substance without a prescription while the person is pregnant and the person knows or reasonably should have known that the person was pregnant. The offense of abuse of an unborn child is a class A misdemeanor if the child is born addicted to or harmed by the narcotic drug or controlled substance; a class D felony if the child dies as a result of the conduct chargeable under these provisions; or a class B misdemeanor for any other violation of this section. A violation of this section may result in a referral to a drug court program.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1284 (2015).