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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Born-Alive Infants
3 Protection Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BORN-ALIVE INFANT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’**
9 **as including born-alive infant**

10 “(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Con-
11 gress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the
12 various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United
13 States, the words ‘person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘in-
14 dividual’, shall include every infant member of the species
15 homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of develop-
16 ment.

17 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘born alive’,
18 with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens,
19 means the complete expulsion or extraction from its moth-
20 er of that member, at any stage of development, who after
21 such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating
22 heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite move-
23 ment of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the um-
24 bilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the
25 expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or
26 induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’ as including born-alive in-
fant.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.