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To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

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# A BILL

To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Life at Conception  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

7       To implement equal protection for the right to life  
8 of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant  
9 to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Con-  
10 gress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary  
11 and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of  
12 the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the  
13 United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right  
14 to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each  
15 human being. However, nothing in this Act shall be con-  
16 strued to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the  
17 death of her unborn child.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19       For purposes of this Act:

20               (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The  
21       terms “human person” and “human being” include

1 each and every member of the species homo sapiens  
2 at all stages of life, including the moment of fer-  
3 tilization, cloning, or other moment at which an indi-  
4 vidual member of the human species comes into  
5 being.

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” used in the  
7 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the  
8 United States and other applicable provisions of the  
9 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the  
10 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other terri-  
11 tory or possession of the United States.

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