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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWMAN (Sponsor), JONES (63), McCREERY, NICHOLS,
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AN ACT

To amend chapter 568, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to prohibiting vasectomies, with a penalty provision.

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 568.200, to read as follows:

2 **568.200. 1. As used in this section, "vasectomy" means a surgical procedure**
3 **performed on males in which the vas deferens are cut, tied, cauterized, or otherwise**
4 **interrupted in such a manner that the semen no longer contains sperm and conception**
5 **cannot occur.**

6 **2. No vasectomy is authorized or shall be performed in violation of this section. In**
7 **determining whether a vasectomy is necessary, no regard shall be made to the desire of a**
8 **man to father children, his economic situation, his age, the number of children he is**
9 **currently responsible for, or any danger to his wife or partner in the event a child is**
10 **conceived. A vasectomy shall only be performed to avert the death of the man or avert**
11 **serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function**
12 **of the man. No such condition shall be deemed to exist if it is based on a diagnosis or claim**
13 **of a mental or emotional condition of the man or that the man will purposefully engage in**
14 **conduct which he intends to result in his death or in substantial and irreversible physical**
impairment of a major bodily function.

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.

15 **3. No vasectomy is authorized or shall be performed unless the vasectomy is**
16 **performed in a licensed hospital, a licensed ambulatory surgical center, or other health**
17 **facility licensed by the department of health and senior services.**

18 **4. A vasectomy shall only be performed by a physician licensed under chapter 334.**

19 **5. Any person who performs a vasectomy or any person permitting a vasectomy to**
20 **be performed on him in violation of this section is guilty of a felony and upon a finding of**
21 **guilt, shall be sentenced to community service of not less than one thousand forty hours in**
22 **the field of service to needy families, caring for or counseling abused and neglected**
23 **children or wayward teens, or performing service to inmates in a jail or correctional**
24 **institution.**

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