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# HOUSE BILL No. 1211

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-34-2-0.5.

**Synopsis:** Viability of fetus presumption. Provides that a fetus that is at least 20 weeks of age is presumed to have attained viability.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

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January 13, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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Second Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2004)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-34-2-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2004]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) For purposes of this article, a fetus that is at  
4 least twenty (20) weeks of age (from the first day of the mother's  
5 most recent menstrual cycle) is presumed to have attained viability.**  
6 **(b) If a fetus is presumed to have attained viability under  
7 subsection (a), no additional medical evaluation is required to  
8 establish the fetus's viability.**  
9 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] **IC 16-34-2-0.5, as  
10 added by this act, applies only to offenses committed after June 30,  
11 2004.**

