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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 9 to article 6 of title 18 as follows:

Part 9

Equal Protection of Every Living Child in Colorado

18-6-901. Declaration of the People.

The People of the State of Colorado find and declare that:

- 1) The will of the People of the State of Colorado shall uphold the United States Constitution according to Paragraph 1 of the United States Constitution referring to rights extended to our Posterity.
- 2) Every child, regardless of age, developmental ability or disability, health, prognosis, sex/gender, socio-economic background, origin, nationality, or ethnicity deserves to live his or her one life to the fullest extent possible.
- 3) The state of Colorado exercises its constitutional and God-given duties to provide equal protection to all individuals within its jurisdiction.
- 4) Children shall be protected equally from murder and not discriminated against based on age or level of development.

18-6-902. Murder of a Child -- Definition. As used in this part 9:

Murder of a child means intentionally causing the death of a living human being at any time prior to, during, or after birth until reaching age 18 by using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance, device, or means, and causing immediate or lingering death. This does **not** include acts with an intent or attempt to:

- a) Save the life or preserve the health of both mother and living child;
- b) Remove a child no longer living; or
- c) Remove or attempt to relocate an ectopic pregnancy.

18-6-903. Murder of a Child Prohibited.

- 1) **Unlawful conduct.** It is unlawful for any person to murder a child.
- 2) **Penalties.** Any person who murders a child will be held to equal penalties to homicide of an at-risk adult.
- 3) **Enforcement.** The Attorney General of Colorado shall have concurrent jurisdiction with local law enforcement and district attorneys to investigate, arrest, and prosecute the unlawful conduct created pursuant to section 18-6-903 (1).

18-6-904. Effective date-applicability-self-executing. This statute shall be self-executing, severable, effective at once, and repeal all conflicting statutes, regulations, or court rulings, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.