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# Bill 259

## An Act to regulate the mailing of images of fetuses

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### Private Members' Bill

1st Reading      March 8, 2021

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to regulate the mailing of images of fetuses**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**Conditions for mailing**

**1** No one shall send a graphic image of an aborted or otherwise non-viable fetus by mail or otherwise distribute such an image unless the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The image is contained in an opaque envelope.
2. The exterior of the envelope includes a description of the contents.
3. The exterior of the envelope clearly identifies the sender.

**Offence**

**2** Anyone who violates section 1 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of \$100 per image mailed or otherwise distributed.

**Commencement**

**3** This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

**Short title**

**4** The short title of this Act is the *Viewer Discretion Act (Images of Fetuses), 2021*.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill provides that no one shall send a graphic image of a fetus by mail or otherwise distribute such an image unless the image is contained in an opaque envelope, the exterior of the envelope includes a description of the contents and the exterior of the envelope clearly identifies the sender. The penalty for violating this prohibition is a fine of \$100 per image.