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An Act to regulate the mailing of images of fetuses

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Private Members' Bill

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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*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 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.