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Little Rock, March 10 (RHC)-- The U.S. state of Arkansas has passed a near-total ban on abortions. The ban makes an exception only for life-or-death medical emergencies and criminalizes providers who violate the law with a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to 10 years in prison.

The ban is not set to go into effect until the summer. Both the ACLU and Planned Parenthood are planning challenges. Anti-abortion factions are hoping legal battles will renew a challenge to the

landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling.

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