Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1778 provides that any person who is found to have intended to conceal an abortion from a parent or guardian, obtained an abortion-inducing drug for the pregnant minor to use for an abortion, or transports a minor to obtain an abortion shall be guilty of abortion trafficking. The measure provides that it shall be an affirmative defense that the parents or legal guardians of the child consented to the transportation. Showing that the abortion provider is located in another state shall not be an affirmative defense. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute offenders at his or her discretion if the district attorney of the relevant jurisdiction refuses to prosecute. A person found guilty of abortion trafficking shall be subject to a term of imprisonment for 2-5 years.

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