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S 200. FETAL MURDER. *TO BE KNOWN AS THE BABY GREER ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO MURDERS A PREGNANT WOMAN SHALL BE GUILTY OF A SEPARATE OFFENSE OF MURDER IN THE RESULTING DEATH OF THE FETUS*. Amends GS 14-17 to provide that person who commits murder of a pregnant woman and thereby causes the death of "child in utero" commits a separate murder. Proof is not required that person committing murder knew or should have known that woman was pregnant or that defendant intended to cause death of unborn child. Defines "child in utero" as member of species homo sapiens at any stage of development who is carried in the womb. Provides exception for abortion. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2005.

Intro. by Webster.

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