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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary for the chief purpose and points
of the proposed measure:

PROPONENT'S SUGGESTED TITLE AND SUMMARY:

GENITAL CUTTING OF MALE MINORS.

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code by adding Article 50 (Sections 5001 through 5003) to prohibit medically unnecessary genital cutting of male minors, to provide exceptions, and to provide a penalty.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1: The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by adding Article 50 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 50: GENITAL CUTTING OF MALE MINORS

SEC. 5001. PROHIBITION OF GENITAL CUTTING OF MALE MINORS.

Except as provided in SEC. 5002, it is unlawful to circumcise, excise, cut, or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles, or penis of another person who has not attained the age of 18 years.

SEC. 5002. EXCEPTIONS.

(a) A surgical operation is not a violation of this section if the operation is necessary to the physical health of the person on whom it is performed because of a clear, compelling, and immediate medical need with no less-destructive alternative treatment available, and is performed by a person licensed in the place of its performance as a medical practitioner.

(b) In applying subsection (a), no account shall be taken of the effect on the person on whom the operation is to be performed of any belief on the part of that or any other person that the operation is required as a matter of custom or ritual.

SEC. 5003. PENALTY.

Any person who violates any provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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