

Faith Healing Prosecution Act

Whereas faith healing has been proven to not work;

Whereas children have died due to not receiving proper medical care;

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Chesapeake that:

Section 1. Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Faith Healing Prosecution Act".

Section 2.

1. Any parent who rejects medical treatment in favor of faith healing, naturopathic, or other non-traditional methods of healing which results in the child's death shall be prosecuted under current Commonwealth laws for involuntary manslaughter.
2. Any parent who rejects medical treatment in favor of faith healing, naturopathic, or other non-traditional methods of healing which results in a serious injury to the child as defined in [§ 18.2-371.1](#) shall be prosecuted under current Commonwealth laws for child abuse and neglect.
3. [§ 18.2-371.1](#). Section C. reading as follows: "Any parent, guardian, or other person having care, custody, or control of a minor child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall not, for that reason alone, be considered in violation of this section." Shall be struck entirely.

Section 3. Severability

1. Should any part of this act be struck down due to constitutionality, all other parts shall remain in place.

Section 4. Enactment

1. This bill shall be enacted after passage.

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