

PROPOSED LAWS	PROHIBITIONS	WHEN THEY COME INTO FORCE
House Representative Alejandro Ocampo	Adds a new criminal offence Article 187A: Enticement to surrogacy: Anyone who, by himself or through a third party, with the intention of obtaining any benefit for himself or for another, directly or indirectly entices a woman to carry out a surrogacy process shall be sentenced to seventy-two (72) to one hundred and twenty (120) months' imprisonment and a fine of one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) times the current legal monthly minimum wage.	Article 29. This Law shall enter into force on its promulgation.
	Article 6. Minimum requirements to become a surrogate. Any person who intends to access the surrogacy procedure as a surrogate must meet the following requirements: a. Be over twenty-eight (28) years of age. b. You must have formed a family by marriage or a	

	declared common-law marriage. c. The surrogate mother shall not be more than fifty years of age at the time of initiating the surrogacy procedure.	
Statutory Bill No. 345/2023C House "	Article 4. Prohibitions. In order to prevent the exploitation of the gestational carrier and to guarantee the best interests of the child, the conclusion or execution of surrogacy agreements for gestation is prohibited:	Article 30. This law shall enter into force eighteen (18) months after its publication in the Official Gazette.
	Commercial. Involving a profit motive or economic benefit in which the commissioning party pays the pregnant person a value that generates his or her capital increase and occasional profit, which goes beyond the compensation in the terms contemplated in the present law.	
	Cross-border or transnational. In which the participating persons do not comply with the qualifying requirements set out in this law.	

Intermediation for commercial purposes. Where there has been intermediation by natural or legal persons for commercial purposes.

Natural or legal persons are prohibited from advertising the need for human reproductive material, offering or seeking any form of gratification or remuneration, or any other activity involving solicitation for the purpose of exploitation of the parties to a surrogacy agreement.

Article 6. Qualifying requirements of the commissioning party. Only persons who meet the following conditions may be a party to a surrogacy agreement for gestational surrogacy:

Be a Colombian national, a Colombian national married to a foreigner or a foreigner resident in the country.

Note: It is a statutory law, which means that in order to be enacted it must meet the following requirements for its approval:

- 1. It must have been published in the Congressional Gazette before being processed by the respective Committee.
- 2. Have been approved in the corresponding Standing Committee and in the Plenary of each Chamber, by means of a **public roll-call vote**, **by absolute majority**, **in** compliance with the procedures for publication of the reports and the text approved in each Chamber (House of Representatives and Senate of the Republic).
- 3. The bill must be approved within a **single legislature**, with the clarification that this deadline refers only to the procedure within Congress and does not extend to the period required for the prior review by the Constitutional Court.

Therefore, it is difficult for this law to be enacted this year and the congress is focused on a reform of the entire health care system. However, we are constantly monitoring these two bills.