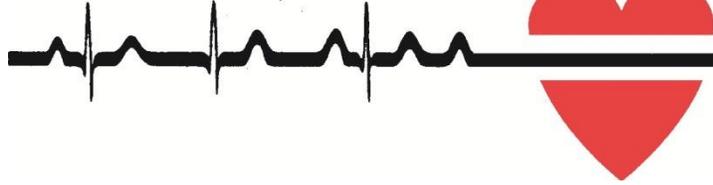


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“Abortion Stops a Beating Heart”

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Pro-Life Provisions in H695 Pass the Senate and Move to the House for Concurrence

Greensboro, NC- The North Carolina State Senate passed H695, an omnibus pro-life bill, 29-12 and it now goes back to the State House for concurrence.

“Our legislature is making a strong statement in opposition to discrimination by seeking to prohibit sex selection abortions,” stated Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life. “When the House concurs and the bill becomes law, it will no longer be legal in North Carolina to abort an unborn child because of the sex of that child.”

Other provisions in the pro-life omnibus bill protect health care providers from violating their consciences by forcing them to perform or participate in an abortion. The bill protects the citizenry of this state from having their tax dollars used to fund health care plans that provide abortion coverage whether through the federal exchange or city and county employee health plans.

A provision requiring doctors to be physically present for the administration of abortion inducing drugs is designed to prevent “Web Cam” abortions from being performed in our state. This provision will also help stop some current clinic practices in which drugs are given by someone other than a doctor to a mother to cause her to abort her child. These abortion inducing drugs can fail to abort the unborn child. This failure then requires the mother to return to the abortion facility for a surgical abortion. In some cases, the chemicals have caused the death of the mother in addition to causing the death of her unborn child. Hemorrhaging, infections, or other complications are associated with ingesting these drugs.

“While we object to these abortion drugs being administered for the purpose of killing an unborn child, we also know the drugs have the capability of causing substantial harm or death to the mother. The state has the responsibility to make sure that those drugs are administered by a doctor who can minimize the risk to the mother,” said Barbara Holt.

North Carolina Right to Life, founded in 1973 and the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the largest single issue pro-life organization in North Carolina.