

SUPPORT

LD 492 – RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights

LD 253 – An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services

LD 682 – An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions

LD 886 – An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions

LD 887 – An Act to Make Manufacturers Responsible for Proper Disposal of Abortion Drugs and Require a Health Care Provider to Be Physically Present During a Chemical Abortion

LD 1007 – An Act to Update the State’s Informed Consent Laws Regarding Drug-Induced Abortion

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Heather Sirocki; I live in Windham, Maine. When driving into Maine, you all may have seen the sign: “Welcome to Maine, The Way Life Should Be.”

As we begin this journey, let’s take a short trip down Memory Lane.

After the Dobbs’ decision returned abortion laws to each state, what happened here in Maine?

Absolutely nothing.

Why?

Because in 1993, 32 years ago, Maine had already put into law the provisions involved with Roe v. Wade.

As you all know, the Chief Executive had originally campaigned on a promise that she would NOT support the

expansion of Maine's abortion laws. But here we are today...with laws that allow due date, late term, abortions.

Current Maine law is broad and expansive.:

- one does not need to be a doctor to perform an abortion;
- one does not need to have an ultrasound;
- abortion clinics are not licensed;
- abortion clinics are not subject to state safety inspections;
- taxpayers are forced to pay for abortions;
- in case something goes wrong, providers are not required to have admitting privileges at a hospital;
- there is no wait period; and
- the criminal penalty for an abortionist caught without a license was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor.

In other words, an abortionist, with no license to practice, may perform an invasive medical procedure that involves the late-term delivery and killing of a viable baby, in a dirty clinic, without an exploratory ultrasound, that could also result in the injury or death of the mother, but could only be charged ... with a low level misdemeanor. How is this just?

In Maine, this is NOT the way LIFE should be. This should not be **legal**, and how can anyone think this is **safe**?

Women deserve better. Maine deserves better.