

The Bill reads that this is “an act to safeguard against the right to abortion in Vermont by ensuring it is not denied, restricted, or infringed by a governmental entity.” I realize this has come about because of the pro-choice advocates’ fear of Roe vs Wade being overturned by the Supreme Court. I also understand that women never want to be placed in a situation where someone else controls them. But let’s think about the unborn child (and it is just that as has been confirmed by modern scientific technology and not just an “egg, embryo or fetus”) that you are stating in this proposed Bill does not have independent rights. Why is it okay to say that a young female unborn child within the mother’s womb should be denied the same right for control of her body? Why can that child not have the opportunity to become a productive member of society? And if that young female child deserves that fundamental right, so also should the unborn male child. Statistics show that more pregnancies are aborted for a woman’s decision for a better life, job opportunity, desire to limit family, etc., than for that of incest, rape or mother’s health. That larger percentage of women do have a “choice” already. They have a choice not to indulge in sex if they are not ready to commit to the “consequences” of that act. Have they ever seen how an unborn child is aborted? Have they ever seen the limbs, torso, and the crushed skull pulled apart and then extracted from the woman’s body? Have these pro-choice activist actually looked at the baby body parts waiting to be assembled by a “technician” to be sure they are all there? Have they ever seen an image of an inborn child trying to push away from the needle waiting to inject the chemical into its heart that will stop its beating? Women do have a right – they have a right to carry that baby through full term and give it up for adoption. They have a right to seek help if they are a single parent trying to get by and worrying about caring for a first-time child or another child. And the Vermont Gov’t has an obligation to provide services for these women so they don’t have to even consider abortion. Please picture the excitement in your faces when you saw your first child or grandchild and then realize it is only about an 8-inch difference (the length of the birth canal) at full term that would allow a doctor to kill that baby or assist the mother in bringing it into this world. One Legislator stated that there have not been any full-term abortions yet that she knew of, but does one really think that once the option is provided it won’t happen! I know that a mother’s health is one major factor that is brought into the picture; but having lost my father when I was young, I know that families can survive the loss of a parent. Difficult but not impossible by any means, as has been shown over the ages. The killing of one life does not justify the hopeful, but not guaranteed, saving of another. Infanticide has no place in this supposedly civilized world.

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