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NEWSLETTER

Quick Look at Current Abortion Laws in Michigan

Abortion Limit

Because of Proposal 3, there are no limits on abortion in Michigan. Abortion is legal up until the moment of birth.

Abortion Bans

There are no longer any abortions banned in the state of Michigan, however, there is still a ban on killing a child born alive from a botched abortion under the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

Abortion Funding

Medicaid funding for abortion is prohibited except for rape, incest or life of the mother. However, the ACLU and the YWCA Kalamazoo has filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Medicaid Funding Law because of Proposal 3. Health insurance coverage is now allowed for abortions.

Informed Consent

Women must: be screened for signs of coercion, however the rest of this law that required women to be given information about the procedure and give their consent; wait 24-hours after obtaining information; given the option to view the ultrasound prior to an abortion was enjoined by a judge because of Proposal 3.

Coerced Abortions

It is a criminal offense to coerce a woman or minor girl into having an abortion against her will.

Parental Consent

Minors must obtain consent of a parent or a judicial bypass prior to obtaining an abortion.

Abortion Clinic Regulations

There are no longer any laws requiring abortion clinics to be licensed or inspected. There is no longer a requirement for the humane disposal of fetal remains. No abortion statistics or complications need to be reported.

Safe Delivery Law

Newborns under 72 hours old can be confidentially surrendered to police stations, fire stations, hospitals or by calling 911.

THE CAMEL'S NOSE WAS NEVER GOING TO BE ENOUGH!!

by Jack Bley, Vice President, Van Buren County RTL

When Proposition 3 was passed in Michigan a couple years ago, many of us suspected it would be a camel's nose under our state's once robust protective tent: a shelter for the lives of the unborn. We were assured, however, that certain medical and mental safeguards for the mom and the baby would not be changed.

We were assured—perhaps we were lied to—that the requirement for a parent's consent for a minor child's abortion would still be necessary. Rules regarding the safe maintenance and inspection of abortion clinics would remain intact we were told. Doctors, not technicians, would continue to be abortionists. Patients would still be required to be informed about the complications and implications of an abortion with a reasonable waiting period before making a final decision to terminate a healthy pregnancy. The cost of the abortion would not be borne by citizens whose consciences disapprove of killing babies. So they told us.

Gaslighting is another metaphor for the camel's nose story. Or maybe the best analogy is the one where you put a frog in a pot of warm water and slowly turn up the heat and before the frog realizes it is being cooked to death, it is too late. Just as it is becoming too late for each of the 30,000 or so aborted babies every year in Michigan. That exact number will now never be known because the law that required reporting of abortion procedures—and any complications—is no longer required.

The lights slowly dim and the heat slowly goes up, and we citizens are forced not only to tolerate full term abortions, but we will soon be required to subsidize those murders with MEDICAID (can you say "taxpayer"?) funding if the ACLU and the Kalamazoo YWCA win their 27 June lawsuit filed with the Michigan Court of Claims.

One last metaphor, please: the shame is on us for giving the disgraceful inch that has become the unforgiveable mile.

Save the Date!!

Focus on Life Dinner
October 14, 2024

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Ways you can help....

Volunteers needed for the following
upcoming events:

Van Buren County Youth Fair, July 15th
– 21st. Help needed to staff our booth.

Information Table at the Paw Paw Wine
Festival September 6th & 7th.

Please contact Jamie at 269-547-4815 if
you can help us with any of these activi-
ties.

Thank you!