



Concerned Women for America Supports a Woman's Right To Know - HB 1453

HB 1453 requires that prior to performing an abortion, a physician must inform the woman of the risks, the gestational development of the unborn child and wait 24 hours before performing the abortion.

HB 1453 is Pro-Woman. The deliberate withholding of information regarding the consequences of abortion exhibits a complete disregard for women. It demeans women.

HB 1453 will empower women. Before any other medical procedure is done, people are given detailed information about the procedure, what to expect after the procedure and any potential risks. Why should abortion be different? Women deserve to know all the details and risks of abortion.

A report published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology revealed that depression was as high as 92 percent among women who aborted for suspected genetic disorders in the pre-born child.

“Pro-abortion organizations acknowledge that up to 10 percent of women who have had abortions may have serious psychiatric aftermath. If the abortion toll in our country is more than 40 million and as high or higher than 46 million, the numbers of women just within that 10 percent range are frightening...” [emphasis added] *A Time To Speak, A Healing Journal For Post Abortive Women*, published 2005.

In the January 2003 issue of *Obstetrical and Gynecological Survey* a survey of medical literature revealed that abortion was a “risk factor for placenta previa,” “subsequent pre-term delivery,” and “mood disorders substantial enough to provoke attempts of self-harm.”

The Allen Guttmacher Institute, research arm of Planned Parenthood, stated “43 percent of women in America will have at least one abortion by age 45.”

HB 1453 will require the physician or a qualified person to inform the woman of:

- A 24 hour waiting period.
- The probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the woman's unborn child.
- Details of the abortion method.
- Medical risks including, but not limited to: infection, psychological trauma, hemorrhage, endometritis, perforated uterus, incomplete abortion, failed abortion, danger to subsequent pregnancies, and infertility.
- General medical follow-up instructions which include a physician's name and number if there are complications.
- Medical assistance benefits that may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care
- Alternatives to abortion.
- The responsibility of the father of the unborn baby to provide financial assistance in support of the woman's child.
- In the reasonable judgment of the physician, the unborn child has reached viability, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a second physician will take all reasonable steps necessary to maintain the life and health of the child.

If pro-abortion Legislators are truly “pro-choice”, then they must support HB 1453 so that Illinois women will have all the information they need to make an informed choice.

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