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**SOS---Public Hearing LD 1261 on May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Lobby Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>**



Life as we know it is under attack in Maine. We need your help on May 1 and May 2<sup>nd</sup> to STOP the radical abortion agenda in Maine.

The long-standing "Physician Only" Abortion law in Maine is at great risk of being overturned unless you, your family, friends, and neighbors act to oppose it now.

If enacted, LD 1261, *An Act to Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals to Perform Abortions*, would allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants to perform abortions in Maine. ([LD 1261](#)) The bill is sponsored by Speaker Sara Gideon, and often referred to as the "*Governor's bill*."

**Join us!! LD 1261 Public Hearing May 1 at 10:00 AM**

**LD 1261** is scheduled for Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1 at 10:00 AM in Augusta, Cross Building, Room 220, before the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT and TESTIMONY. Please let us know if you will be testifying. ([link to testify](#)).**

**How to provide testimony ([link here](#))** Note: You may provide written testimony in advance by email if you are unable to be at the Hearing in person.

Maine's extreme abortion industry continues to demand even "more access" to elective abortion. According to a law suit filed by Maine Family Planning and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, in Maine District Court in 2017, removing the "physician only" restriction would allow abortion in Maine to be committed evenings and weekends, and would be more *convenient* for women, especially women from Northern Maine who sometimes may have to travel a couple hours *round trip* to have their elective abortions. Say what? What about the safety of Maine women? Aren't the abortion activists always claiming to be "pro-women?" How is reducing care considered "caring?"

**This is not progress for women; this is devolving into the future.**

### **Talking Points Opposing LD 1261**

*We want lawmakers to enhance the safety and well-being of Maine women and children, not reduce the standard of care by removing Maine's long-standing "Physician Only" abortion law.*

*Medical safeguards are not inequities.*

*LD 1261 does not require direct physician supervision, even in remote areas.*

*Would allow non-physicians to perform any type of abortion, up to viability.*

*Training to perform abortion does not include all aspects of human health. A physician is trained for 12 years, unlike a Physician Assistant or Registered Nurse Practitioner.*

*42 states require that only physicians perform abortions.*

*According to the FDA, the Abortion Pill has killed 22 women in our country and injured thousands of others with severe complications year after year. According to Maine CDC, the abortion pill now represents 46% of all abortions committed in Maine.*

*Maine women deserve better than the introduction of a bill mandating a reduction in care, especially when Maine is one of only two states in which the number of deaths exceeds the number of births.*

*This bill is not about access to early abortion, but an increase to abortion. Unfortunately, over the past three years, abortion access has sky rocketed in Maine. In 2016, Maine went from having 3 abortion clinic sites (Planned Parenthood in Portland, Maine Family Planning in Augusta, and Mabel Wadsworth in Bangor) to 20 abortion sites as reported by the media ([Bangor Daily News report](#)) with the introduction of chemical telemedicine abortions offered at all 17 of Maine Family Planning sites statewide.*

**Stop LD 1261 in its tracks!**

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Please join us at the Public Hearing on May 1st. Provide testimony in opposition of LD 1261. We cannot let this abortion-increasing bill ever be enacted in Maine!

*ALSO---JOIN US!!!*

**Lobby Day May 2**

**Augusta, Cross Building, Cross Café, Lower Level, 8:30 AM**

We need pro-life Mainers to attend Lobby Day on Thursday, May 2nd at 8:30 AM to defeat LD 820 (taxpayer funded abortions) and LD 1261 (expansion of non-doctors performing abortions). PLEASE. We anticipate the votes on these bills to be very close, and we need you to attend and meet with your Reps directly to oppose these radical bills on May 2nd. Those attending Lobby Day will be provided talking points and information regarding how to speak to your legislators. ([Info. here](#)). You will also receive free coffee and donuts!

For more details and to register for Lobby Day ([Info. here](#))

If you are unable to attend LD 1261 Public Hearing on May 1st at 10 AM or Lobby Day on May 2nd at 8:30 AM, we still need you to contact your legislators, even if you have previously contacted them.

**We need every single pro-life person to contact your legislators NOW and urge them to oppose LD 1261 and LD 820. We need you to contact persons within your circle of influence and urge them to contact their legislators as well in opposition of these extreme bills as well. This is the time to take a stand for life.**

**Stop the radical abortion lobby! Now. Together. For LIFE. See you May 1st for the Public Hearing for LD 1261, and May 2nd for Lobby Day!**

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