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LD 1261 Update LD 1313 Update



LD 1313, the Doctor Prescribed Suicide bill, was scheduled to be voted upon in the Maine House today. It has now been tabled and will be voted on sometime next week; Tuesday, May 28 at the earliest. So you still have time to contact your Reps to urge them to oppose LD 1313!! Please do so immediately. Contact them again even if you have previously done so. Vulnerable lives are at stake like never before in recent history.

[\(Contact Reps.\)](#)

[\(Contact Senators\)](#)

Maine House: 287-1400

Maine Senate: 287-1540

With regards to LD 1261, the Maine legislature has voted to overturn 40 years of long-standing Maine law that prohibits non-physicians from performing abortions. Now mid-level providers can commit abortions with no direct oversight, anywhere in Maine.

On May 21, 2019 the Maine House voted to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Certified Nurse Midwives to perform abortions on Maine women by a vote of 74 to 58 ([House Roll Call LD 1261](#)).

Today the bill was brought forward in the Maine Senate, and the Senate also voted in favor of the bill by a vote of 19 to 16 ([Senate Roll Call on LD 1261](#)). A simple majority in both chambers prevails. This horrific bill will now become law in Maine.

The extreme abortion lobby has succeeded in placing the politics of so-called "choice" over the very health, safety, and well-being of the very women they purport to support. Abortion is not health care. And no abortion is benign, whether surgical or chemical. In fact, the FDA reports 24 deaths from the Abortion Pill with thousands of complications. There are inherent risks involved with abortion, and the more times the procedure is committed, the more likely complications will occur-at the hands of less-experienced providers, often in rural areas. Documented complications include uterine perforation, hemorrhage, sepsis, and infection, to name a few.

Please. Take a moment to review both Roll Calls above. Be sure to extend a "thank you" to your legislators who voted in opposition to LD 1261, and tell them you will remember them at the ballot box with your support! And be sure to inform your reps who voted in favor of LD 1261 how concerned and perplexed you are that they voted to overturn 40 years of safeguards for Maine women, exposing Maine women to greater risk of complications and even death. This would not be acceptable for any other procedure. Inform them you are a pro-active, pro-life voter along with thousands of like-minded Mainers who have very long memories. We will not be silenced in our defense of speaking out to protect innocent pre-born babies and their mothers. Ever.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED WITH CALLS, EMAILS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND FOR ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING, PROVIDING TESTIMONY AND ATTENDING RALLIES. AND THANK YOU TO OUR PRAYER WARRIORS FOR YOUR FORTITUDE.

Your faithful stewardship in protecting preborn children and their mothers from the horror of abortion will yield life-affirming fruit...in His time. We are called to be faithful, and we thank you for your Faithfulness!

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