

# SB 25 — Worse than thought...

**W**e will never fully realize the extent to which legalized abortion has affected our families, our communities and our nation. We do know that more than 61 million innocent babies have been slaughtered, and millions of women victimized thanks in large part to a cascade of lies that started with *Roe v. Wade*.

Illinois state lawmakers reacted to the pro-life abortion restrictions being passed in red states by passing Senate Bill 25, euphemistically named the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), that dramatically expands abortion “rights.” It was signed into law by JB Pritzker on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

This 126-page law creates a “fundamental right” to abortion. Pro-life attorney **Peter Breen** says that this new “right” is higher than our right to free speech, at least under the Illinois Constitution. He calls it “the most radical sweeping pro-abortion measure in America and makes Illinois an abortion destination for the country.”

Pre-born babies have no rights under the Reproductive Health Act. It expressly strips all rights from unborn children and wipes nearly every abortion regulation off the books in Illinois.

It strikes against everything that we know to be true as people of faith and people of science who understand that when the sperm and egg come together and form that little embryo, it becomes an unique HUMAN fetus.

The following analysis is attributed to attorneys Paul Linton and Peter Breen.

## The RHA

- ▶ repeals Illinois’ Partial-Birth Abortion Ban law and opens the door to more fetal tissue harvesting sales
- ▶ eliminates all licensing requirements for abortion clinics
- ▶ eliminates health and safety inspections for abortion clinics
- ▶ eliminates any restrictions on **post**-viability abortions and allows abortions for any reason whatsoever throughout all nine months of pregnancy
- ▶ eliminates any requirement that the person performing a **post**-viability abortion use a method of abortion that would enhance the chances of the unborn child surviving the abortion
- ▶ eliminates the requirement that a second physician be present to provide immediate medical care for any child born alive as a result of an abortion
- ▶ eliminates any restrictions on where abortions may be performed
- ▶ allows non-physicians to perform abortions, both surgical and medical
- ▶ allows dismemberment abortions of “preemie” babies, who feel pain, without anesthesia
- ▶ allows DCFS to use public funds to pay for abortions
- ▶ requires health insurance policies to include coverage for all abortions, with no exemptions, even for churches and other religious organizations
- ▶ repeals penalties for performing illegal abortions
- ▶ strips away abortion conscience protections for health care workers
- ▶ eliminates abortion reporting to the Illinois Department of Public Health, which means we will no longer know how many out-of-state people are coming here to have abortions. We will no longer know the statistics by county to figure out how many abortions were committed, for example, in Cook County versus the rest of the state. ▴



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- Small and mid-size churches
- Religious Nonprofits
- Individuals who purchase insurance through the insurance healthcare exchange (Affordable Care Act)
- Individuals who receive their insurance through state or local government
- Illinois taxpayers



The **Thomas More Society** also seeks to hear from healthcare professionals, especially those with obstetrics/gynecology (OB/GYN) experience, either to serve as plaintiffs or to offer medical expertise in the cases that do go forward. ▴



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