

SAVING LIVES

Through Legislation

What were the 2013 Health and Safety Law Changes?

On July 29, 2013, Governor Pat McCrory signed a pro-life omnibus bill (SB 353) passed by the North Carolina General Assembly. The law combined provisions from several individual bills previously introduced in the General Assembly with the support of North Carolina Right to Life. A great victory for North Carolina's mothers and babies, the law enacted these pro-life provisions:

during

this

time

- ✓ Ban sex-selection abortions
- ✓ Opt-out of abortion coverage in Obamacare exchange plans and city and county employee health plans
- ✓ Ban "web-cam" abortions by requiring physicians be physically present to dispense abortion-inducing drugs
- ✓ Require information to be available to mothers who receive prenatal diagnoses of disability or serious anomaly
- ✓ Regulate abortion facilities through updated safety requirements
- ✓ Expand conscious protections to all staff, not just physicians, who refuse to participate in abortions

Are our pro-life laws saving lives?



In 2010, NC residents had

25,808

abortions. ¹ In 2013, abortions had dropped to

19,818

Pro-life laws enacted in 2011:

representative vote for this pro-life law?

Woman's Right to Know Act

- ✓ Requires informed consent by mother plus 24 hour waiting period prior to an abortion
- ✓ Requires an ultrasound be performed and explained prior to an abortion (this provision was enjoined in 2011 and will soon be considered in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals)

Unborn Victims of Violence Act

✓ Recognizes unborn child as a second victim when harmed in a crime

Elimination of state funding for abortion

✓ Prohibited state funding of abortions and abortion-covering public health plans, except in cases of rape, incest, or endangerment to life of the mother

A growing body of research is demonstrating the life-saving effect of pro-life laws based on data from states across America. One N.C. study showed that when public funding for abortion was eliminated, there were

37% FEWER ABORTIONS

among those who would have aborted if funding was available. Other data indicates that informed consent, waiting period, and ultrasound requirements, too, save lives from abortion. ²



1. NC State Center for Health Statistics 2. New, Michael J. 2014. "Analyzing the Impact of U.S. Antiabortion Legislation in the Post-Casey Era." State Politics & Policy Quarterly 14(3) 228 –268.

Did my representatives support the pro-life omnibus bill?

Below is a list of senators and representatives in the N.C. General Assembly who voted to pass SB 353 (2013 Health and Safety Law Changes).

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N.C. State Senators Austin Allran Tom Apodaca Chad Barefoot Tamara Barringer Phil Berger Stan Bingham Andrew Brock Harry Brown Peter Brunstetter Bill Cook David Curtis Warren Daniel* Jim Davis Thom Goolsby Rick Gunn Kathy Harrington Fletcher Hartsell Ralph Hise Neal Hunt* Brent Jackson Wesley Meredith Buck Newton Louis Pate Ron Rabin Shirley Randleman* Bob Rucho	Sanderson Dan Soucek Jeff Tarte Jerry Tillman Tommy Tucker Trudy Wade N.C. House Representatives Dean Arp Marilyn Avila John Bell Hugh Blackwell John Blust Jamie Boles Bill Brawley Robert Brawley Mark Brody Brian Brown Rayne Brown* Rob Bryan Dana Bumgardner Justin Burr Rick Catlin George Cleveland Jeff Collins Debra Conrad*	Leo Daughtry Ted Davis Jimmy Dixon Josh Dobson Nelson Dollar Jeffrey Elmore John Faircloth Carl Ford Jim Fulghum Mike Hager Jon Hardister Kelly Hastings Mark Hollo Bryan Holloway Craig Horn Julia Howard Pat Hurley	Tim Moore Tom Murry Larry Pittman Michele Presnell Nathan Ramsey Dennis Riddell Stephen Ross Jason Saine Ruth Samuelson* Jacqueline Schaffer* Mitchell Setzer Phil Shepard Michael Speciale Paul Stam Edgar Starnes Bob Steinburg
		Pat Hurley Frank Iler Linda Johnson Bert Jones Jonathan Jordan Donny Lambeth James Langdon David Lewis Chris Malone Pat McElraft* Chuck McGrady Allen McNeill Chris Millis Tim Moffitt	Bob Steinburg Sarah Stevens Michael Stone John Szoka Thom Tillis John Torbett Rena Turner* Harry Warren Andy Wells Roger West Chris Whitmire Excused Absence: Susan Martin*

^{*} Primary sponsor of one or more of the original pro-life bills (SB 308, HB 730, HB 716) whose provisions were ultimately included in the pro-life omnibus bill (SB 353) that became law in July 2014.