



## Talking Points | HB 3320, SB 1209 - the Roe Infanticide Acts

*Please read before you approach your legislators*

- This legislation is part of a national effort by Planned Parenthood to dramatically expand abortion at the state level – there has been much media attention given to what’s passed in New York and what they proposed in Virginia.
- Specifically, Gov. Ralph Northam of VA said: *“If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen,” Northam continued. “The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that’s what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother.”*
- The Roe Act in Massachusetts:
  1. **Allows for Infanticide** – strikes a section of the law, Section 12P, that requires that care be given to infants born accidentally during abortion. Why else would they delete Section 12P, if they did not want to legalize not giving care to infants born alive?
  2. **Eliminates the entire parental consent and notification** framework – so no adult, not a parent or a judge, is involved if a 12 year old girl gets an abortion. It’s just her and the abortionist, who doesn’t make any money if she decides not to do it, and who doesn’t care about her welfare afterward. She could be a victim of human trafficking, incest, or abuse, and any point with the potential for a caring adult to intervene and help her out of that situation is removed.
  3. **Expands late term abortion by removing any requirement that there be a reason** for an abortion beyond 24 weeks. The bill explicitly says the doctor can make the determination and include “factors” like family size or age of the woman. There is also language permitting late term abortion for fetal abnormalities and language related to the baby being “incompatible with life.” But since there is other language that says the validity of the abortion is completely determined by the abortion doctor based on whatever factors he wants, that language is superfluous and unnecessary—placed there to give the false impression the bill *only* legalizes late term abortions in those circumstances.
  4. **Removes requirements that late abortions be performed in hospitals**, as well as other basic safety and cleanliness precautions designed to ensure clinics have life-saving equipment and are suitable for surgical procedures.
- The Roe Act also forcibly expands insurance coverage of abortion and taxpayer subsidies of abortion, ensuring that if a woman wants a free abortion she will get it.
- In 2017, out of 18,285 abortions, only 23 were performed past the 24<sup>th</sup> week. With this expansion, that number will grow dramatically, even as medical technology has advanced to where **babies born at 24 weeks have an over 50% survival rate.**

**Vote No on Extreme Abortion expansions, say No to the Roe Act**