

2022 HB 5 SB 124- [Fetal and Infant Mortality Reduction](#) - support

This bill reduces legal abortions from 24plus to 15 weeks in Florida with no exceptions. At 15 weeks the baby is fully developed (will be growing and developing the rest of the pregnancy), the sex can be detected, and a mom can begin to feel the baby moving. Not the most pro life bill but a step in the right direction. Listening to proabortionist you would think abortions were being outlawed (not yet!!) - based on statistics only about 3% of abortions happen after 12 weeks.

“Social Justice begins in the Womb”

- Articles: [Florida Abortion Totals by County- Tallahassee Reports](#) Hillsborough 6138
- Charlotte Lozier Institute- [Florida](#)
- Agency for Health Care Admin- [Florida- 2021](#)- total 68449- first trimester 64345 second trimester 4104 (12th-24th week)
- [15–17-year-olds for 3% and those younger than 15 for 0.2%](#)
- [Planned parenthood preforms approximately 40% of all abortions.](#)
Approximately 862,320 abortions were performed last year in the United States. 332,757 of those abortions were provided by Planned Parenthood, America’s deadliest non-profit and largest abortion provider. Numbers from [2017-2018 Planned Parenthood Annual Report](#)
- [When can a baby feel pain?](#) 12 weeks
- 2/16/22 [Video of House Floor debate](#) ([Full transcript of the video house floor debate](#))- highlighted by representative and party
- [A BABY AT 15-Weeks](#)

[Link to first letter of session to House and Senate](#)

VOTE HISTORY Senate & House

3/4/22- House order enrolled

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3/3/22 Passed Senate 23:15

2/17/22 Passed House floor: 78:39

3/2/22 [Senate Floor Debate](#) total time 11:37 .. 1:50- 6:25 begins discussion (I haven’t finished transcribing this video)

Discussion on Amendment (Democrats appealing to pro-abortion constituents- none passed) **DEM WF Polsky**- Men to pay during pregnancy. **DEM WM Catholic Pizzo**.. dictates life so obligation to pay financially. I would love to hear why child support should not begin at 15 weeks? The state and father should resume responsibility. Leader **DEM WM Farmer**- we are making a decision for a women... at 15 weeks we have taken the decision making process away so what are the consequences of that decision for the state... women force to carry a child... psychological impact of this to women, men, family, siblings. Forced to carry a child then some form of financial aide must be provided. Decision to bear a child is probably the most serious decision a woman can make... life altering in many ways. This could be debilitating. May not be able to be gainfully employed... so distraught she no longer has this decision. May be too much to deal with on a day to day basis. How is she supposed to survive? I don’t know of a more serious or impactful decision a person can make that a state govt is mandating a person to continue with the pregnancy... this is arduous, dystopian, the show the handmaids tale... only took a short while that this concept of this show seem so beyond the pale a little while ago is not realistic. Life mimics art and that is what we have with this legislation. So when Senator Polsky is offering this aid to a woman who does not have a choice.**Dem WF Polsky** best to know you are pregnant is 4 week then we are giving them a short amount of time to get to a second doctor... point of the bill is to minimize the number of abortions. In today’s age difficult to get appointments and financial , we know women are still going to get abortions we want to promote safe abortions. **DEM WM Farmer**... for years mental health has been brushed aside... we as a legislative body have become to know mental health can often be more debilitating than physical health care...**DEMOCRATS** talked about psychological, mental health issues being forced to have a baby...**DEM WM Farmer**... look in mirror always strive to be proud and lately always think to myself would mom have been proud ... how can you fall asleep tonight if you don’t vote yes on this amendment.. Senator Taddeo.. Sherry Johnson we passed a bill in her name...**DEM WM Torres**... ashes on forehead.. had to learn the hard way to help women of sexual abuse. Sooner or later the truth comes out (about rape) and child will find out about them being a victim of rape or incest. Senator WF Book... crying over 42 million survivors of sexual assault give them more time to heal... (Teresa- HOW WILL 2 WRONGS MAKE A RIGHT)

5:44 Senator HF CATHOLIC Cruz amendment- protecting all babies would like to add protecting all mommies too... know we are not always going to agree I agree... provide healthcare to over 700,000 working Floridians and save working families hundreds of millions dollars..expanding medicaid to assure women have full _____ to taking care of their bodies to include... FL is one of 12 states not to expand welfare... in coverage gap... single mom making too much money to get coverage...

Sponsor Republican WF Senator Stargel... This part of the bill is the hardest to discuss because it makes you feel that if you vote against this amendment that you support sexual abuse or rape... Senator Book thank you for sharing the truth of what happened to you... what often gets missed in this and I hesitate to say as it gets taken out of context... message that the child is to be hated because of the manner for which it was conceived... concept that abortion is a support of women of ... consequences of sex trafficking and implications of women at healthcare facilities... women who have been sexually trafficked... I know a women who got six abortions.. came in the back door and got paid to keep my name off the books... so went to the back door for cheaper rate... so many scare issues, no follow up, infections... this is not a report from a pro-life group.. how can we have health care professional help human trafficking victims...Planned parnthood turns their head because this is a business for them... when I got pregnant at 17 PP said I would never be anything if I had my child... not a choice but a child... **this bill is reasonable...not what I want because I believe life begins at conception... it gives a person 15 weeks to decide if they want to keep that baby...we are never going to come to agreement on this subject. What has changed throughout the years is science that we couldn't see half a year ago.. ultrasounds now can see that is it a baby not a black fuzzy thing...15 weeks is plenty of time if you bypass that time there is an assumption that that child cannot be loved, that it doesn't have a right to exist, that it should be killed because of the circumstances it was conceived...I will reject that premise...** and another consequence I regret to bring up... I hate that there are women who are ever questioned about why they were raped... and then I am concerned that women will accuse men of rape so they can get that abortion. They have been told this baby is going to ruin their life. People say my daughter should have been aborted because she wasn't planned. Assuming all the facts and conversations.. of the abortions in the 4091 were done, 3 incest, 14 rape before this law... this bill does not ban abortion you still have that choice plenty of room to act appropriately not necessary to have exceptions.

2/27/22 Action Alert

Dear Senator,

Social justice begins in the womb. When a women becomes pregnant that means she is having a baby. From the moment of conception it is a baby not magically at 15 weeks or right before birth does it become a baby but from the beginning it is a living human being. THEREFORE, it has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

There are many choices that both women and men make throughout their lives but choosing to kill their baby should never be an option. Every pregnancy is a gift from God regardless of the circumstances. God has a unique plan for all his creations.

Today, you do you have choice, a vote. And, lets be honest at 15 weeks the baby is visible in an sonogram. AND, the child can now be identified as a male or female. The mother can feel the baby moving. You get to choose whether to continue perpetrating the lie that it is not a baby and therefore is not murder or to support the dignity of life for both the mother and the baby.

Many of you are afraid to support the truth, this baby is a living human being, because you want to get reelected yet you know in your heart abortion is wrong. Pray, discern, make the right choice and vote yes on SB 146.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Jeremiah 1:5

Prayers,

2/22/22 Action Alert Letter to senate

Abortion is anything but healthcare for the women or the baby. If abortion is a choice, then what do you think the baby would choose? The person most impacted by an abortion has no voice. That is why God is depending on legislators who are supposed to protect the innocent to do their job.

A baby's life begins from the moment of conception. We know it is a baby and not a dog, cat, frog or even an apple blossom. It is a gift, a miracle from God and destined to be one of His children.

Abortion Bill SB 146 2/21/22 - SENATE COMMITTEE

https://www.flsenate.gov/media/VideoPlayer?EventID=1_nty0d3lq-202202211300&Redirect=true

Passed 13:6 Placed on calendar for second reading. Some notes below

1:10 Dem Stewart states it is a burden to get two recommendations... black and brown communities find it difficult to get one much less two.

Everyone deserves the right to an abortion...

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILD?

Republican Stargell... most difficult seems as though we don't support what happens when children are raped but statistically number of abortion incest 3, rape 13... underlying thought that the child conceived through a horrible situation just because conceived in rape or incest the child should be loved. 4091 what did they make their decisions on... young child pregnant ... saving the life of the mother.

Maybe pass a bill... incest abortions should have DNA taken to determine who fathered the child.

.... Democrat- The audacity that anyone would say their situation of how they became pregnant was irrelevant. ... what if can't escape before 15 weeks... gives the person an opportunity to have control...

Aaron... opposition several concerns ... warrants a separate actually effectiveness in reducing ...

Stargel... support hr but not in this bill ... hostile womb... would this be something for a different discussion

Pizzo – claims to be a Catholic, I don't take the vit c is this piggy backing into this bill...

Bill stipulates when you realize your period hasn't started in leu of going to the doctor.. but what do we do when these young girls have never had a period?

Public testimony concluded at 3:20pm

2:40:35 Senator Stargel closing statement. Not just about my religious belief but the state has the responsibility to protect the potential of human life. State has an interest in protecting the life of the unborn... in 1973 different viability... viability is getting earlier and earlier... when a baby feels pain. We do that with birds, it is only prudent to take the life of a baby ...

Sexual revolution failed... waiting to have sex till marriage... viruses, illness... you don't want my personal belief in law because probably disagree. Roe v Wade is about viability and today it is different than years before.

2/16/22 House Floor Listen to the session: HB 5 Reducing the Fetal and Infant Mortality bill beings at 4:08 <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=7927>

[Full transcript here](#)

Rep. Alexander- calls Valdez

Representative Susan Valdez of Hillsborough – a Catholic was asked by the Democrats to take the lead the debate.

Valdez: My heart is heavy today we talk about freedom and liberty fundamental values that we hold in our country... engrained in our national liberty...what happened to my body my choice.

Simple put the legislature should not make healthcare choices for women... 15- week ban is not based on science or medicine; it is an arbitrary ban that roles back rights that women fought for... when and where does it stop... can't help but wonder... in the future.... 12-week ban, 6-week ban or a total ban ... when and where does this stop...

This is establishing that our basic rights and liberties are subject to arbitrary limitations this is a blank check to roll back to the point that they are functionally meaningless. This bill is using the power of the state to compel women to carry and bear children against her will, no one should not be forced to bear a child against their will PERIOD.

4:15 Skidmore: Grall... motivated to fight because of our sisters both literally and figuratively ... we are on opposite sides of this issue specifically unconstitutional abortion ban, ...I believe eggs don't fertilize themselves but can also happen through can happen through violence of rape, sex trafficking. I don't

believe the state has a right to impose its government interference into a very personal, private healthcare decision.

A government that can tell me what I can't do but what I must do. Got should have no standing. **Unlike the bill's sponsors, I do not believe life begins at conception, just like an apple blossom is already an apple as opposed to the potentiality of becoming an apple.** I don't believe a 15-week fetus can feel pain or anything else because I believe the volume of experts who tell us that happens beyond 24 weeks. I believe abortion is unequivocally healthcare a highly regulated that must remain safe and legally available to all persons. I don't believe Rep. Grall is satisfied that this troubled by the fact that ... see link to full transcript above.

2/2/22 SB 146 In Senate Health Policy Committee 11:00am Passed- party lines- [Listen to the video](#)

As a Christian, some things are always wrong, and no one should deliberately vote in favor of them. Legislators, who have a direct vote, should never support the evils of abortion in any legislation or programs.

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1/31/2022 Senate Health Committee

As a Catholic it is my responsibility to do everything in my power to prevent the killing of innocent babies. Abortion is one of the 5 non-negotiables which means even this bill is not acceptable, however; the alternative is continuing to kill over 4000 babies a year. Next year the goal should be to protect all unborn babies.

As elected officials you are also responsible for these babies. Abortion is not healthcare, safe, a healthy option, nor without significant consequences for the parents who will no longer have this baby in their life.

Support this bill and protect the lives of the innocent and unborn babies..

Tobacco education is mentioned 34 in this bill however never once is alcohol and marijuana addressed both of which cause more damage than tobacco. At a minimum doctors **should not be allowed to recommend any form of marijuana** before, during or after pregnancy.

1/19/2022 HB 5 (SB 146)- talking points at committee meeting
[Link to video- I spoke Professions & Public Health subcommittee](#)

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We can all agree life is precious.

Because life is precious, doctors and healthcare provides need to educate parents especially the mother on caring for the baby before it is born. I noticed this bill mentions tobacco education 34 times but no where does it reference alcohol or marijuana. These are the three most common abused drugs that directly impact a baby while in the womb and often throughout their life. Pregnant women are even warned against using caffeine but not marijuana a mind-altering substance that stays in the body far longer than most other drugs.

Marijuana smoke contains many of the same respiratory disease-causing and carcinogenic toxins as tobacco smoke, often in concentrations several times greater than in tobacco smoke. While tobacco use is decreasing, marijuana use is skyrocketing due to the low cost of marijuana, availability, marketing exploitations and lack to educational resources.

New longitudinal studies are able to research higher THC levels effects on the baby. They have discovered that prenatal marijuana use was associated with a 50 percent increased chance of low birth weight regardless of tobacco use during pregnancy. Other risks include premature births, respiratory issues, plus children often experience deficits in memory, reasoning, concentration, hyperactivity and mood disorders to mention a few issues. Many of these issues are the same ones people who use marijuana experience when they get high. Not one study recommended using marijuana during pregnancy.

Why is all this important? Florida is 3 times the national average for pregnant women using marijuana. THIS IS A CRISIS AND MUST BE ADDRESSED. Florida's doctors are recommending the use of marijuana and often recommending it for nausea when far better, safe alternative medicines exist. This is disconcerting especially because medical marijuana in our state has no cap on THC levels and the increase cases of marijuana-induced psychosis throughout our state.

It is imperative we protect babies and mothers. You have an opportunity here to require marijuana educational tools to prevent marijuana spectrum disorder to be added to the list of "developmental disabilities."

Please support this bill and amend requiring strategies for eliminating use of marijuana before, during and after pregnancy. We must prevent marijuana spectrum disorder from being added to the list of 'developmental disabilities' in the future.

Tobacco is referenced 34 times yet marijuana which causes far more damage is not referenced once. [More info Pregnancy and Marijuana](#)