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New York State Right to Life Committee Statement of Opposition S.2524 (Klein)/S.2844 (Stewart-Cousins)/A.6112 (Glick) The “Reproductive Health Act”

The radical abortion bill, the “Reproductive Health Act” would make changes to current NYS law that represent the opinion of only a tiny subset of New Yorkers who hold **extremist pro-abortion views**. By writing “fundamental reproductive rights” into NYS state law, the bill would provide full legal cover to the tragic and well-entrenched practice of abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy.

This bill is the product of the extremist pro-abortion lobby that takes exception to reasonable, common sense laws, such as parental consent and limits on government payment for abortions. The advocates of this bill are the same who oppose the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban that the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional in 2007.

S.2525 is meant to ensure that the radical abortion industry in New York can continue to thrive without reservation, or common-sense protections for anyone other than abortionists, to address its out of control practice in New York State.

The Reproductive Health Act would, among other things:

- Remove criminal penalties even from unlawful abortions;

- Prevent an unborn child who is the *intended* victim of a crime from being recognized as a victim;

- Prevent any limitation on use of taxpayer funds to curtail New York’s Medicaid policy of paying for abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy;

- Deceitfully redefine pregnancy as beginning at implantation – not fertilization;

- Falsely redefine fetal (child) viability and

- Unleash new assaults on the consciences of those who oppose participating in abortion - health care professionals, hospitals, hospital residents, and health insurance providers.

The Reproductive Health Act is ANTI-CHOICE for babies, ANTI-CHOICE for fathers, ANTI-CHOICE for healthcare providers, ANTI-CHOICE for insurance companies and ANTI-CHOICE for taxpayers.