

## **PLEASE VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 2495 & SENATE BILL 1942!!!**

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House Bill 2495 (Cassidy-D) and Senate Bill 1942 (Bush-D) seek to establish the Reproductive Health Act. The changes these bills would bring about are numerous, hard to fathom, and certainly terrible. The General Assembly's focus on making it easier to take the life of innocent unborn children is as incomprehensible as it is tragic. These bills will:

### **CODIFY THE MOST EXTREME POSITION**

- Abortion is a “fundamental right”; a fetus does not have any “independent rights under the laws of this state.”
- No limits on abortion: can be performed any time in the 9 month pregnancy, for any reason.
- Specifically allows an individual to sue the state if they perceive any interference or restriction to their desire for an abortion for any reason at any stage of pregnancy.
- The state would no longer have any interest in, or cause to, protect unborn human life.

### **UNDERMINE WOMEN'S HEALTH**

- Abortions would no longer have to be performed by doctors.
- All existing licensing requirements and health standards for facilities in which abortions are performed would be removed or undermined.
- Eliminates requirement that second physician be present during post-viability abortions and that a child born alive during an abortion procedure be given proper medical care.
- Eliminates requirement coroners investigate the death of child or mother occurring during an abortion.

### **ATTACK CONSCIENCE RIGHTS**

- Repeal the Abortion Performance Refusal Act which allows nurses, doctors and hospitals to decline to perform an abortion due to moral and/or religious conviction.
- Delete conscience protections from the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act that are the basis for the entire law.
- Sets up a conflict in the law between “the fundament right” of abortion and the Health Care Right of Conscience Act, which protects health care professionals’ right of conscience.

### **MANDATE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND EXPAND PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION**

- Require all insurance plans subject to state regulation to cover abortion “without deductible, co-insurance, co-payment or any other cost sharing requirement.”
- Repeals restrictions on allowing the Department of Children and Family Services to use public funds to pay for abortions.