

So-called "ROE Act" Legalizes Post-Birth Abortion

Even Pro-Choice Gov. Charlie Baker agrees this proposed Mass. law **GOES TOO FAR!**



Discarding the current abortion framework, this Bill would allow living born babies to be left to die.

How Pro-Life and Pro-Choice Allies can stop this Bill:

Can't we all agree that once a baby is born, it is too late for an abortion?

You will not have a chance to vote on this law, but soon your representatives will.

Four of the Bill's Changes to Massachusetts Abortion Law:

1. Babies that survive an abortion and are born alive are allowed to die with no medical care required (formerly considered infanticide or murder).
2. All abortions including partial and now post-birth abortion are expanded to any stage of pregnancy up to and BEYOND birth – for any reason!
3. Parental consent and Judicial Review for minors is eliminated: (this protects sexual predators and human traffickers who impregnate minors).
4. Hospitalization for late term abortions is no longer required. This will allow clinics to administer dangerous abortions without critical medical care.

Tell them to vote **NO** on the ROE / Post-Birth Abortion Act (S. 1209 or H. 3320).

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ROE/Post-Birth Abortion Act (S. 1209 / H. 3320) Explained

| CURRENT MASS. LAW | PROPOSED BY ROE ACT | WHAT WILL HAPPEN? |
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| If the Baby Survives. G.L. c. 112, § 12P: Preservation of life and health of child requires all reasonable steps to save and treat the child. | ELIMINATED | Post-birth abortions are permitted. No medical care required for a child born alive from abortion attempt. Permits child born alive to die with no effort to save. (INFANTICIDE) . |
| Late Term Abortion. G.L. c. 112, § 12M: 24+ week pregnancy (late term) standard: only if necessary to save life of mother or prevent substantial risk to her or future pregnancy. Protection of Unborn Child: G.L. c. 112, §12O: No procedure designed to destroy life of injured unborn child in womb allowed UNLESS all other procedures have greater risk of death or serious injury to mother. | ELIMINATED | Removes all obstacles to performing late term or even full-term abortions, Even the horrendous partial-birth abortion would become legal. |
| Hospital Requirement. G.L. c. 112, § 12Q: Hospital requirements: 13wks + MUST be performed in hospital; late term only in hospital authorized for obstetrical services. | ELIMINATED | Eliminates the requirement that abortions after 13 weeks be performed only in hospitals. Permits UNSAFE CONDITIONS for women, especially in third trimester abortions. |
| Parental / Judicial Consent: G.L. c. 112, § 12S: Consent to abortion (unmarried minors under 18) requires parental/guardian OR judicial consent in writing. | ELIMINATED | Eliminates judicial review and supervision of a minor girl seeking abortion; parents do not even need to be notified. |
| Emergency Treatment for Minors: G.L. c. 112, § 12F: Emergency treatment of minors - requires adult input, either parent or a judge. | ELIMINATED | A pregnant minor does not need adult approval, not even from a judge, as provided for under the current "judicial bypass" option. Helps sex-traffickers avoid detection. |
| Criminal Penalties: G.L. c. 112, §§ 12N and 12T: Criminal violations relating to abortions – applies to conduct punishable under these sections AND any other criminal laws in Massachusetts. | ELIMINATED | Eliminates any criminal penalty for violation of early and late term abortions: a botched abortion, one performed by a non-physician, or manner of handling an abortion of a child before or after 24 weeks No criminal penalty for allowing a child born alive to die or for failing to consider the method of late term abortion least dangerous for the mother. |
| Reporting Requirement: G.L. c. 112, § 12R: Written statement of reasons, tests, reporting requirements - requires written report to Commissioner of Public Health of all details relating to abortion, including mother's age, baby's age, weight, procedure used and reason, status of mother after, whether baby born alive and steps taken to care for baby. | ELIMINATED | ELIMINATES MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS for records, reasons, tests, or results of abortions, late term abortions, or botched abortions. Accountability necessary to protect the health and safety of mother and fate of the born alive child is eliminated. |
| Legal Vocabulary: G.L. c. 112, § 12K: "Unborn child" or "human life in existence" and "mother" used in definitions referenced. | ELIMINATED | Eliminates every single mention of another human being involved (the child). Eliminates any mention of "woman." Even <i>Roe v. Wade's</i> statement of a possible interest in protecting prenatal human life and the state's interest in regulating late-term abortions for the sake of the health and safety of women is wiped out. |
| Taxpayer Funded Abortion: MGL c. 118E, § 10E: Medical assistance for women who are not otherwise eligible for prenatal public assistance and delivery care for mothers and babies. Abortion not covered. | SPEND MORE TAX DOLLARS ON ABORTIONS | Expands taxpayer funding to now include abortions. |