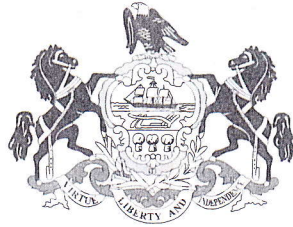


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Kathy Rapp *KR*
Representative Deberah Kula *DK*

DATE: April 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Women's Right-to-Know Act

We believe that a woman's right to be informed is essential when discussing the termination of a pregnancy by abortion. To assure that women considering abortion have access to important information before providing consent, we are introducing the "Women's Right-to-Know Act".

This Act will provide:

- An opportunity for every pregnant woman seeking an abortion to view an ultrasound image of her unborn child and to be informed of the gestational age and general developmental health of her unborn child.
- The guidelines to be followed in providing this information to women.
- That all questions a woman has as result of the ultrasound, including developmental norms for the fetal gestational age will be answered fully and completely.
- Minimum standards for those who are qualified to perform these ultrasounds.

This Act follows similar legislation in 22 other states and will not require the woman to view the ultrasound. Additionally, the ultrasound is waived when a medical emergency exists or when the unborn child is less than eight weeks in gestational age.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Annette Mioff at 787-1367 or via email at amioff@pahousegop.com.

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