

Overview of Choice-Related Bills

Scored Votes in the SENATE

SB 817, Amendment Offered from the Floor – Funding Stream for “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Senator Ken Cuccinelli (R-Fairfax)

As amended, SB 817 authorized license plates bearing the legend “Choose Life.” Revenue generated from the license plates will be distributed to so-called “crisis pregnancy centers.” The bill passed the Senate (amendment vote: 20-Y, 19-N) and House (68-31) and was signed by Governor Tim Kaine on March 30. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote.

Senate Committee Votes of Interest

HB 2579 – Mandatory Ultrasound Requirement Delegate Kathy Byron (R-Lynchburg)

HB 2579 would have interfered in the doctor-patient relationship by mandating that physicians perform a medically unnecessary ultrasound before performing an abortion. The bill was defeated in the Senate Committee on Education and Health by a vote of 11-4. A “Yes” vote, to pass the bill by indefinitely, was a pro-choice vote.

HB 2634 – Biased Counseling Requirement Delegate Benjamin Cline (R-Lexington)

HB 2634 would have required physicians to distribute medically disputed information to women seeking to obtain an abortion. The bill was defeated in the Senate Committee on Education and Health by a vote of 11-4. A “Yes” vote, to pass the bill by indefinitely, was a pro-choice vote.

SB1270 – Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel (R-Winchester)

SB1270 would have imposed onerous and medically unnecessary regulations on first-trimester abortion providers. The bill was defeated in the Senate Committee on Education and Health by a vote of 10-5. A “Yes” vote, to pass the bill by indefinitely, was a pro-choice vote.

SB801 – Funding Stream for “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Senator Ken Cuccinelli (R-Fairfax)

SB 801 would have authorized license plates bearing the legend “Choose Life.” Revenue generated from the license plates would be distributed to so-called “crisis pregnancy centers.” The bill was defeated in the Senate Committee on Transportation by a vote of 6-6. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote.

Scored Votes in the HOUSE

HB 2579 – Mandatory Ultrasound Requirement Delegate Kathy Byron (R-Lynchburg)

HB 2579 would have interfered in the doctor-patient relationship by mandating that physicians perform a medically unnecessary ultrasound before performing an abortion. It passed the House of Delegates 63-36. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote.

HB 2634 – Biased Counseling Delegate Benjamin Cline (R-Lexington)

HB 2634 would have required physicians to distribute medically disputed information to women seeking to obtain an abortion. It passed the House of Delegates 65-34. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote.

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HB 1600, Amendment 301 #2h – Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers Delegate Robert Marshall (R-Prince William)

This amendment would have required first-trimester abortion providers to meet onerous and medically unnecessary architectural, procedural, staffing and equipment requirements. It passed the House of Delegates 60-38. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote. This amendment was removed from the final version of the budget by the conference committee.

HB 1600, Amendment 4-5.04 #1h – Limitations on Low-Income Women’s Access to Abortion Delegate Robert Marshall (R-Prince William)

Virginia currently prohibits state funding for abortion services for low-income women except in cases of rape, incest, threat to the life of the mother, and severe, incapacitating fetal anomaly. This amendment would have removed the exception for fetal anomaly and limited state funding to only those circumstances required by federal law. It passed the House of Delegates 64-35. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote. This amendment was removed from the final version of the budget by the conference committee.

HB 1600, Amendment 4-5.04 #2h – Prohibition of State Expenditures for Planned Parenthood

Delegates Robert Marshall (R-Prince William) and Clifford Athey (R-Front Royal)

This amendment would have prohibited all state expenditures to Planned Parenthood. It passed the House of Delegates 61-38. A “No” vote was a pro-choice vote. This amendment was removed from the final version of the budget by the conference committee.