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Louisiana governor signs bill to classify abortion pills as controlled substances

Louisiana became the first state to classify two abortion-inducing medications as controlled substances, making possession of the pills without a prescription a crime.

The measure puts the drugs in the same category as opioids, depressants and other drugs that can be addictive, making them harder to obtain. Misoprostol and mifepristone are not classified as controlled substances by the federal government and can be used separately to treat other conditions.

[Louisiana governor signs bill to classify abortion pills as controlled substances \(msn.com\) 5/25/24](#)

New study: People who undergo transgender surgery are 12 times more likely to commit suicide

A comprehensive new study provides unequivocal evidence that those who undergo so-called “gender reassignment” surgery put themselves at a vastly increased risk of suicide – an astounding 12 times that of the general population.

The giant study, “involving 56 United States healthcare organizations and over 90 million patients,” analyzed data collected over a 20-year period, from February 2003 to February 2023, examining “suicide attempts, death, self-harm, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) within five years of the index event.”

[New study: People who undergo transgender surgery are 12 times more likely to commit suicide - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\) 5/23/24](#)



Pope Francis blasts euthanasia as hopeless and lacking compassion

The Pontifical Academy for Life recently hosted a symposium, titled “Towards a Narrative of Hope: an International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care,” on the importance of palliative care, and during it, Pope Francis spoke about the need to invest more in helping people at the end of their lives, and why euthanasia is never acceptable.

“[Euthanasia] is never a source of hope or genuine concern for the sick and dying. Instead, it is a failure of love, a reflection of a ‘throwaway culture’ in which ‘persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected,’” he continued. “Indeed, euthanasia is often presented falsely as a form of compassion. Yet ‘compassion,’ a word that means ‘suffering with,’ does not involve the intentional ending of a life, but rather the willingness to share the burdens of those facing the end stages of our earthly pilgrimage.

Palliative care, then, is a genuine form of compassion, for it responds to suffering, whether physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual, by affirming the fundamental and inviolable dignity of every person, especially the dying, and helping them to accept the inevitable moment of passage from this life to eternal life.” [PA LifeLinks Newsletter 6/2/24](#)



Europe’s top human rights court upholds Hungary’s ban on assisted suicide

Hungarian national Dániel Karsai, diagnosed with a progressive neurological condition, had sought to undermine Hungary’s legal protections for life by challenging its ban on assisted suicide.

In its decision, the court affirmed that prohibition of assisted suicide is in line with the country’s obligations under international law to protect life. Additionally, as the court pointed out, “the majority of the Council of Europe’s member States continue to prohibit” euthanasia and related practices (§ 165).

In its June 13 decision, the court noted that “it is part of the human condition that medical science will probably never be capable of eliminating all aspects of the suffering of individuals who are terminally ill” (§ 158). However, it emphasized that “this heightened state of vulnerability warrants a fundamentally humane approach by the authorities to the management of these situations, an approach which must necessarily include palliative care that is guided by compassion and high medical standards.”

[Europe’s top human rights court upholds Hungary’s ban on assisted suicide - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\) 6/18/24](#)

FEDERAL COURT SIDES WITH CATHOLICS

A federal court ruled that the Administration’s Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) cannot force the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and other Catholic organizations to pay for employees’ abortion. Before the **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** passed in 2022, the EEOC had used the legislation to try to push a pro-abortion agenda on Catholics.

The order from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana ruled that the “EEOC has exceeded its statutory authority to implement the PWFA.” [2024-06-17-_-Court-Order-Granting-Pl.pdf \(becketnewsite.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)



SAFE HAVEN BOX SAVED TWO BABIES' LIVES

A newly installed Safe Haven baby box at a fire station in Little Rock, Arkansas, received two infants in only a few weeks. The organization Safe Haven Baby Boxes places

temperature-controlled boxes in fire stations across the country so first responders can receive abandoned babies and children whose parents cannot care for them.

[Two infants surrendered ahead of Arkansas Safe Haven Baby Box blessing \(liveaction.org\) 5/22/24](#)

In PA Safe Haven lets you drop off your baby — up to 28 days old — at any Pennsylvania hospital and all UPMC hospitals. You won't get in trouble, and you'll know your baby is safe. Go here for more info: [Secret Safe \(pa.gov\)](#)

NEW YORK COURT: CATHOLIC ORGS MUST PAY FOR ABORTION COVERAGE

New York's highest court on Tuesday ruled that insurance companies must cover abortions. The Diocese of Albany announced it will appeal the ruling, arguing the legislation in question "involves government entanglement in the fundamental rights of free exercise of faith and conscience."

[STATEMENT FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY ON THE COURT OF APPEALS DECISION IN ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, ET AL V VULLO :: Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany \(rcda.org\) 5/21/24](#)

World's Largest Pornography Website to Shut Down in 4 More States Over Age Verification Laws

Scandal-plagued pornography company **Pornhub** announced it will cease operations in Indiana, Idaho, Kansas, and Nebraska after the states passed laws to restrict children's access to sexually explicit material online.

In addition to Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Virginia, Montana, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Kentucky, where the website has already ceased operations, the company explained that "in July 2024, we will unfortunately be blocking several more states who are introducing similar laws," including Indiana, Idaho, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Pornhub, which has been found to host child sexual exploitation material and sexual trafficking and assault videos, claimed that the age verification laws "puts users' privacy at risk" — "privacy" to watch such material.

"Pornhub has decided that age verification laws damage their business model to such an extent that it is better for them to simply block entire states rather than comply with the law," wrote LifeSiteNews commentator Jonathan Van Maren earlier this year. [World's largest pornography website to shut down in 4 more states over age verification laws - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\)](#)

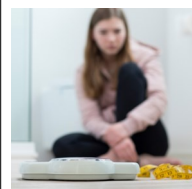
Abortion pill can now be accessed through Planned Parenthood app in four states

Illinois is now the fourth state in which women can access the abortion pill through a Planned Parenthood app. The abortion giant is pushing abortion access in the pro-abortion state even further by allowing patients to request abortion pill drugs via its "Direct" app, a move that could put women in danger.

Planned Parenthood's "Direct" app allows women to get birth control, UTI treatments, and the emergency contraception Ella delivered to their door without seeing a doctor.

In Hawaii, Maryland, Washington, and now Illinois, women can also use the app to get the abortion pill delivered without an in-person visit.

[PA Pro-Life Federation May 2024 Newsletter](#)



EATING DISORDER AWARENESS GROUP SLAMS 'ASSISTED SUICIDE' PUSH

A leading nonprofit organization dedicated to helping treat eating disorders is condemning recent diagnoses of anorexia nervosa as "terminal" and warning that the term "terminal anorexia" could be used to justify offering "assisted suicide" to patients who suffer from it.

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) issued "an urgent call to action to stop the loss of lives due to eating disorders."

[ANAD Statement on 'Terminal Anorexia' | ANAD - National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders 6/10/24](#)



MASSACHUSETTS LAUNCHES ASSAULT ON PRO-LIFE CENTERS

Massachusetts has launched a campaign against pregnancy resource centers, calling it a "public education campaign" against pro-life organizations that use "deceptive and dangerous" tactics to promote alternatives to abortion.

The campaign, which targets pregnancy resource centers and is funded by a \$1-million grant from the state legislature, was officially launched by Gov. Maura Healy and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll on June 10. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh, said this week that the centers "exist" to "block access" to abortion and denounced the pro-life facilities as "unacceptable." [Pregnancy Care Alliance of Massachusetts - The Pregnancy Care Alliance of Massachusetts](#)

Iowa Supreme Court Reinstates Heartbeat Law That Will Save Babies From Abortions

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled today that the state's Fetal Heartbeat Law should be allowed to be enforced and protect babies from abortions while a Planned Parenthood court case against it continues. The law protects unborn children from abortion after the fetal heartbeat can be detected, approximately after six weeks of gestation.

There are limited circumstances under the Iowa law that would allow for abortion after six weeks of pregnancy: rape, if reported to law enforcement or a health provider within 45 days; incest, if reported within 145 days; if the fetus has a fetal abnormality "incompatible with life"; or if the pregnancy is endangering the life of the patient. [Iowa Supreme Court Reinstates Heartbeat Law That Will Save Babies From Abortions - LifeNews.com 6/28/24](#)

