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MASSACHUSETTS GOV SIGNS LAW ALLOWING ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, a Democrat, signed a law Aug. 10 that removes virtually all remaining restrictions on late-term abortions in the state, allowing **abortion up to the moment of birth** based on a physician's judgment.

The measure, titled the "Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act," repeals the previous statutory restrictions on abortions at or after 24 weeks of pregnancy except in cases involving the mother's life or health or certain severe fetal diagnoses. Under the new law, an abortion may be done at any stage "based upon the professional judgment of a physician." It is scheduled to take effect Nov. 8, 90 days after Healey signed it.

Pro-life leaders responded quickly, condemning the measure as "egregious" and warning that it strips unborn children of their final legal protections.

https://www.foxnews.com/politics/dem-gov-maura-healey-signs-sweeping-massachusetts-bill-allowing-abortions-up-birth

ALARMING STUDY: ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG IN WATER SUPPLIES

A new study found traces of a mifepristone equivalent in the public drinking water of three U.S. cities, giving credence to pro-life leaders' warnings about the public fertility and environmental risks of the deadly drug's widespread use.

The research article, titled "Anti-Progesterone in Environmental Water," was published online July 20 as a preprint in Issues in Law & Medicine, a journal published by the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine. Researchers collected 36 water samples near Austin, Texas; Blacksburg, Virginia; and Carbondale, Illinois. In each area, they collected four upstream and four downstream samples from a wastewater treatment facility, along with four municipal tap water samples.

Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins put it starkly: "Some of us are drinking other people's abortions."

https://issuesinlawandmedicine.com/articles/anti-progesterone-in-environmental-water/ 7/20/26

New York Says Catholic Sisters Will Not Be Required to Participate in Assisted Suicide

A coalition of religious sisters in New York state won a major victory in federal court this week when the state agreed to not force the sisters to participate in New York's looming assisted suicide regime.

The state's decision allows the sisters to continue "loving service to Christ's poor" without being forced to engage in euthanasia.

National Catholic Register 7/31/26

ARKANSAS AWARDS $1.7M TO PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS

More than three dozen pro-life pregnancy organizations received over $1.7 million from Arkansas in fiscal 2026 to help women and families facing unexpected pregnancies with real alternatives to abortion.

State lawmakers have approved another $3.5 million for the program in fiscal 2027, expanding support for mothers who choose life.

https://familycouncil.org/2026/07/20/arkansas-gave-1-7m-to-pregnancy-resource-centers-in-fy-2026/

CALIFORNIA BISHOPS FIGHT CHILD MARRIAGE

California's Catholic bishops are urging state lawmakers to end child marriage in what is one of just three states with no minimum age to wed, as a bill to close the loophole heads toward a vote on the Senate floor.

Because marriage is a lifelong sacrament of eternal significance, the Catholic Church requires both parties to be 18, ensuring they have the emotional maturity necessary to give informed consent.

https://cacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/AB-1267-Sen-Judiciary-6-23-2026-1.pdf

FLORIDA ANNOUNCES FIRST-IN-THE-NATION WELFARE RESTRICTIONS ON TATTOOS, PORNOGRAPHY, VAPES

Under the amended plan, TCA beneficiaries will no longer be able to use the money to purchase tobacco, nicotine, vaping products, drugs or intoxicants, pornography, video games, entertainment tickets, theme park admission, entertainment subscriptions, tattoos, spa services, tanning, or psychic and fortune-telling services.

Florida already prohibits the use of EBT cards to purchase alcohol or make payments at adult-entertainment venues, casinos, and commercial bingo halls, the release stated. Also, since April 20, Florida has prohibited SNAP benefits from covering soda, energy drinks, candy, and ultra-processed desserts. https://www.flgov.com/eog/news/press/2026/governor-ron-desantis-announces-first-nation-restrictions-temporary-cash-assistance

France Legalizes Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

On Wednesday, July 15, France's National Assembly voted 291 to 241 to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. The vote follows a years-long, often-contentious debate, in which proposed laws were repeatedly rejected by both chambers of the legislature.

The new law permits an adult to request death if he or she is a French citizen or stable legal resident, suffers from a serious and incurable illness that is advanced and life-threatening, experiences physical or psychological suffering deemed unbearable or resistant to treatment, and is judged capable of making a free and informed decision.

The law also requires that the request be reviewed by health professionals within fifteen days, followed by a reflection period of at least two days.

HumanLifeInternational 7/27/26

MISSOURI PROTECTS BABIES WHO SURVIVE BOTCHED ABORTIONS

Missouri Republican Gov. Mike Kehoe signed a law entitled "The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" on July 13 that allows first-degree murder charges against anyone who kills a child left alive after a botched abortion procedure.

The law requires medical workers to provide babies born alive after attempted abortions with the same lifesaving care given to any other newborn.

https://x.com/GovMikeKehoe 7/15/26

SCOTLAND BISHOP FIGHTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE'S DEVASTATION AHEAD OF VOTE ON KEY BILL

The head of the Scotland Bishop's Conference, Bishop John Keenan, called on Catholics to ask legislators not to legalize assisted suicide in England and Wales.

"Changing the law would place vulnerable people, including the elderly, the disabled, the seriously ill and those who feel they are a burden, at risk of pressure," he warned. "No safeguard can remove that danger completely." https://drive.google.com/file/d/12PuOFvPxKFZ0ZA_lD0MNNgFEfs8CTdEE/view

November 15th New Sidewalk Training Program Developed by 40 Days for Life Available in Pittsburgh

The training includes a 7-module program that addresses many aspects of what we do on the street: How we approach potential abortion bound women; What is the most effective thing to say and what not to say ; How should we interact with hecklers and clinic employees and much more.

For those who may not have the availability, the seven training modules can be viewed individually, online, and self-paced. The video modules will be available after the in-person training for repeated viewing individually.

For further information or to register, contact Jen at Pghsaland365@gmail.com

SURROGATE WHO REFUSED ABORTION GIVES BIRTH TO BABY BOY

The Texas surrogate who refused the intended parents' request to abort their unborn child, McKenna West, gave birth yesterday to a baby boy who is now receiving treatment for a serious heart condition.

The intended parents requested the abortion after a 20-week ultrasound revealed Gabriel had hypoplastic left heart syndrome, but West carried him to term, saying nothing they could do to her "would be worth his life."

https://www.texastribune.org/2026/08/12/texas-surrogacy-california-alaska-parental-rights/ 8/12/26

STUDY: RISK FACTORS PREDICT HIGHER DISTRESS AFTER ABORTION

A new study found that women who reported more pre-existing risk factors, such as feeling pressured, conflicted, or emotionally attached to the pregnancy, were more likely to report negative emotional outcomes after abortion.

Higher scores on an eight-item risk scale were strongly associated with higher levels of distress, intrusive thoughts, grief, and perceived negative mental health effects. The authors concluded that these risk factors were useful predictors of self-reported distress after abortion.

The study supports informing women of risk factors before an abortion decision.

https://issuesinlawandmedicine.com/articles/risk-factors-predictive-of-post-abortion-distress-demonstrate-that-most-abortions-are-contraindicated-a-retrospective-cross-sectional-study/

COLORADO LAWSUIT SEEKING TO END PARENTAL NOTICE FOR MINORS' ABORTIONS MOVES FORWARD

A Denver court rejected a request to dismiss the lawsuit, which aims to remove parental notification requirements for minors seeking abortions, one of the state's few remaining protections for unborn children and their mothers. "There is no age restriction on abortion in Colorado, and [Amendment] 79 would prevent parents from being informed if their 15-year-old daughter has an abortion. Parents must have the right to know if their adolescent daughter is being pressured into getting an abortion by their boyfriend or someone in authority such as their coach, teacher, school nurse or counselor," said Denver Archbishop Aquila. Colorado Times Recorder 8/21/26