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## **Governor Introduces Bill That Would Allow Unlimited Abortions and Make Maine a Safe Haven for the Abortion Industry**

Yesterday, Governor Janet Mills used the tragic ordeal of a Maine family to introduce [LD 1619](#), the so-called “An Act to Improve Maine’s Reproductive Privacy Laws” misnamed because its sole design is to promote unlimited abortion.

**“Pandering to the abortion lobby by tying a tragic medical diagnosis and abortion of an unborn baby to push unlimited abortion is a new low,”** said Karen Vachon of Maine Right to Life. **“Instead of abortion, mothers and fathers in circumstances involving a fatal diagnosis for their unborn child should be given options such a perinatal hospice and grief counseling.”**

Continued Vachon **“No child with a disability or fatal condition deserves to die a horrible and painful death because they have a disability or will die at a future time.”**

Currently, there are no laws in Maine preventing abortions after viability. The only limitation is that abortions done after 20 weeks are most often done by abortionists who specialize in taking the life of an unborn child after viability. These abortionists are found only in a handful of states, and it is common for those seeking a late-term abortion to travel out of state.

[LD 1619](#) creates a subjective standard empowering the abortionist to justify any abortion after viability. Governor Mills’ bill removes current language that allows abortion for a woman’s life or health and replaces it with language that would allow abortions in the second and third trimesters because of an abortionist’s opinion.

The language would also remove language that penalized a non-licensed person from performing or aiding in an abortion. This would allow any individual without proper training to either perform a dangerous procedure or obtain dangerous narcotics. This would encourage the Kermit Gosnell’s of the world to specifically come to Maine since there are no penalties and only protection for abortionists.

**“This bill ignores what is in the best interest of the life and health of the mother and her unborn child and only seeks to expand the abortion industry’s stake hold in Maine by allowing abortions for any reason up until birth with no punishment for those who harm women and their babies,”** said Vachon

Maine is the [oldest state](#) in the country with a median age of 45. Maine is one of [only four states](#) that has more death/year than births. Maine aborts [5.2 babies](#) each day. We need policy that supports women, promotes motherhood, and welcomes and promotes family life and family values.

**“Abortion on demand throughout pregnancy puts a moral stain on Maine, says Vachon.. Maine deserves better. Women of Maine deserve better. This is not Maine – the way life should be”.**

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