

From the Archdiocese of NY Public Policy Office

In the Governor's budget is a version of the Abortion Expansion Plan that he previously pushed as part of his "Women's Equality Act".



This proposal would:

- ◆ **Encourage more late-term abortions** ~ by removing our current law's limit on abortions after 24 weeks.
- ◆ **Permit non-doctors to do abortions** ~ A license to perform abortions would be entirely within the discretion of State bureaucrats. In fact, anyone could do an abortion and the only penalty they might face is a prosecution for practicing medicine without a license.
- ◆ **Eliminate all criminal penalties for abortions** ~ So even if an abortion was involuntary or coerced, or if the unborn child was targeted by an act of violence, it could not be prosecuted.
- ◆ **Endanger children even after birth** ~ by eliminating a law that requires that a baby born alive after an abortion be given adequate health care. Instead this bill would allow abortionists to leave those children to die of neglect and starvation.

This scheme by the Governor is particularly dangerous because by law a budget must be passed by April 1.

The only way to remove an item from the Governor's proposed budget bill is to put it on the table for negotiations between him and the leaders of the Assembly and Senate ~ and since three of these people are ardently "pro-choice", the task will be truly daunting.

We are asking people to contact their Senators and urge them to oppose the budget bill if the abortion expansion proposal is in. Please contact your legislator through the Action Center of the New York State Catholic Conference.

- ◆ Go to www.nyscatholic.org.
- ◆ Search for: Abortion Expansion
- ◆ Follow the small red link on the top left side "Take action now."

You can also go there by typing this into your browser:

- ◆ www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center, and look for the action that says "Oppose Abortion Expansion in State Budget!"
- ◆ Enter your information
- ◆ Select "Send Message"

We are particularly asking those who are represented by a Republican in the State Senate to urge their Senator to speak to Senator Flanagan, that Majority Leader, to insist that this provision be stripped from the final budget bill.

**Time is short so we must take action immediately.
Please share this information with others.**