

MICHIGAN BILL REQUIRES ABORTION CENTERS SHOW WOMEN BETTER ULTRASOUND IMAGES

Lansing, MI (LifeNews.com) -- States across the country are passing laws requiring abortion centers to show women an ultrasound of their unborn child prior to doing an abortion. In Michigan, where ultrasound laws are already in place, legislators are looking to strengthen them by ensuring the ultrasound is of the highest quality possible.

The notion is that if women deserve a chance to see their baby before having an abortion, they deserve to see a high-quality image -- not a low-quality one abortion centers might use to discount the ultrasound and persuade women to have an abortion.

Republican Sen. Wayne Kuipers is the sponsor of the bill and he tells the Associated Press he introduced the bill because some abortion centers intentionally use older ultrasound machines designed to produce poorer images.

"The physician or person assisting the physician shall ensure that the most technologically advanced ultrasound equipment available at that location is used for the ultrasound examination, for viewing an active ultrasound image, and for creating the physical picture of the ultrasound image," the legislation reads.

The bill, Senate Bill 1283, received a hearing this week before the Michigan state Senate Judiciary Committee.

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