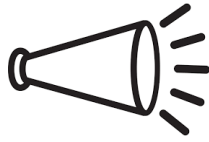


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Applauds the Florida House’s Health and Human Services Committee for Advancing Legislation Prohibiting Abortions in Florida After 15-Weeks Gestation; House Bill 5 Now Expected to be Considered by the Full House in Short Order

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding Florida House Bill 5:

“**Florida Voice for the Unborn** thanks the state House of Representatives’ Health and Human Services Committee for voting this morning to advance House Bill 5 for consideration by the full chamber. The committee members voted 14-to-7 in favor of this bill, which will save an estimated 5,000 unborn children from being murdered here in Florida via brutal late-term abortions. The vote was once again along party lines, with all pro-life Republican committee members in favor and all pro-abortion Democrats opposed.”

Shirvell continued, “Today’s hearing was the final stop for House Bill 5 before it will be considered by the full chamber. The bill had previously passed through the Professions and Public Health Subcommittee on January 19th as well as through the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee on January 27th.”

Shirvell further remarked, “In comparison to the two prior hearings in the House last month, today’s hearing was rather calm and uneventful. In fact, most of the Democratic committee members appeared to be resigned to the fact that this good bill will be passed by the House – and there is very little they can do to derail the process at this point.”

Shirvell concluded, “**Florida Voice for the Unborn** has proposed three amendments to House Bill 5, which will strengthen the legislation. These proposed amendments are 1) adding a provision that authorizes a political subdivision, such as a county or municipality, to regulate or prohibit abortion in a manner that is at least as stringent as state law; 2) replacing the terms ‘fetus’ and

‘fetal’ in the bill with the terms ‘unborn child’ and ‘unborn child’s’ in order to properly acknowledge the humanity of children in the womb; and 3) removing the term ‘medical abortion’ from the bill and replacing it with the more commonly-accepted term ‘chemical abortion,’ since chemicals – not medicines – are what are contained within abortion pills administered during the first trimester. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** remains optimistic that one or more of these much needed amendments to House Bill 5 will make it into the final law.”

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a Tallahassee-based grassroots lobbying group that only focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn. It is strictly independent, and its work is guided by faith in God’s only Son, Jesus Christ. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** supports all peaceful efforts by elected officials and others to end abortion and save lives. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Parler @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.