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## SC HOUSE PASSES ABORTION BILL TO PROTECT LIFE

(Columbia, S.C.) - Today, the S.C. House of Representatives passed a bill that will restrict abortion procedures and declare that life begins at conception. This bill is a major win for all South Carolinians, and the most advanced pro-life legislation in our state's history. The vote was 83-31, largely along party lines.

[H.3774](#), the Human Life Protection Act, will prohibit anyone from knowingly providing drugs to a pregnant female to cause an abortion, except in emergency situations. The bill will not prevent a licensed physician from performing an abortion in cases where a pregnancy results from incidents of rape or incest, when a fatal fetal anomaly is present, or when the life of the mother is at risk.

"Once again the House has passed a pro-life bill that will protect the innocent lives of the unborn", said House Majority Leader Davey Hiott (R-Pickens). Representative John McCravy (R-Greenwood), sponsor of the bill, said it "sends a message that the days of abortion as birth control are drawing to an end, and it is now time for our pro-life Senators to keep their word and vote to pass this bill".

"While we were disappointed with the SC Supreme Court's recent ruling," Hiott said, "it is our sincerest hope that the Senate will pass this bill and send it to the Governor to sign into law".

Contraceptives, in vitro fertilization [IVF], and other assistive reproduction technologies are not subject to the prohibitions in this bill. In addition, the biological father would be liable for paying 50 percent of the birth mother's pregnancy expenses from the time of conception as well as child support to be calculated from the date of conception.

Public funds could not be used to purchase fetal tissue, and no public funds could be used by the Planned Parenthood organization for abortions, abortion services or procedures, or administrative functions related to abortions.

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