

Amend H.57 to place a limit on late-term abortions. The current Bill permits abortion at any time during a pregnancy. A woman could abort a healthy fetus at the 9<sup>th</sup> month of gestation under the proposed bill; there is no limitation such as lack of fetal viability, serious birth defects, or maternal health.

I suggest that your amendment consider the recently passed New York statute which provides the following:

§ 2599-AA. ABORTION. 1. A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW, ACTING WITHIN HIS OR HER LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE, MAY PERFORM AN ABORTION WHEN, ACCORDING TO THE PRACTITIONER'S REASONABLE AND GOOD FAITH PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT BASED ON THE FACTS OF THE PATIENT'S CASE: THE PATIENT IS WITHIN TWENTY FOUR WEEKS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF PREGNANCY, OR THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF FETAL VIABILITY, OR THE ABORTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE [MOTHER'S] LIFE OR HEALTH.

H.57 as drafted will not survive the legislative process and become law.

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