



Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

April 2022

April 25th, 1967

Colorado's Day of Shame

While there is some debate as to which state was the first to legalize abortion in the U.S., Colorado definitely has the dubious honor of being one of the most likely candidates.

Governor John Love signed the bill decriminalizing abortion in Colorado on April 25th, 1967. The bill, introduced by then freshman representative Dick "Duty-to-Die" Lamm in the Colorado House of Representatives, allowed for abortion up to 16 weeks gestation in cases of incest, rape, or where a woman's physical or mental health was believed to be at stake. The ruling on eligibility for abortion was to be made by a three-doctor panel.

The Associated Press offered this account of Colorado's 1967 pre-Roe-v-Wade abortion law:

*"Love said the new law requires that abortions be performed **only in accredited hospitals** and that each operation must have the unanimous **consent of a special three-man board of physicians.***

*"I am certain that the operation provided for **will occur only in hospitals**, subject to a severe test of accreditation, which **will successfully prevent anything approaching abortion clinics,**" ...*

By today's standards, this was a restrictive law. However, by the standards of the day, it was quite liberal in its approach.

For 55 years, Colorado has led the nation in ever more permissive abortion policy. Nine more states (AK, IL, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, VT, NY) and Washington D.C. join Colorado in allowing abortion in all 9 months of pregnancy – up to the moment of birth.

The only real limitations to abortion in the State of Colorado are a parental notification requirement (for women under 18) and a prohibition against public funding of abortion.

Depending on the outcome of RHEA legislation currently under consideration at our state capitol, even those modest limitations may go by the wayside soon.

DEMS Race to Pass DIE-a-RHEA

The heavily financed pro-abortion Democrats are forcing the barbaric RHEA abortion bill through the Colorado Legislature in record speed. The Gazette Editorial Board paints a grim picture:

"In the latest attack on culture and law, 59 Democrats — with no Republican sponsors — may legalize the killing of newborns. The right to kill birthed children is cleverly hidden in House Bill 22-1279, titled the "Reproductive Health Equity Act."

Using abortion as a ruse, the bill proposes lawful infanticide without stating it. It forbids any jurisdiction from infringing an "individual's right to act" regarding "the pregnancy's outcomes." A "pregnancy's outcomes" often include the birth of a person.

The bill defines "Reproductive Health Care" — which can have no possible limitations — to include "postnatal and delivery care."

"Postnatal" means after childbirth. Forbidding any regulation of "postnatal" care means an infant born before or during an abortion or during a botched procedure can be left to die or euthanized after a physician's consultation...

"In all my years in the legislature and since, this is the most barbaric bill I have seen — ever," said former Republican Colorado House Majority Leader Amy Stephens, explaining how the bill would allow the killing of newborns.

Short of a miracle, Governor Jared Polis will sign die-a-RHEA into law – adding innocent newborns to the long list of humans legally killable in Colorado.

Reparation Rally: April 25th

Come join pro-life prayer warriors to peacefully pray in reparation for Colorado's part in spreading the culture of death for the last 55 years.

We will gather at 3pm on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (3480 Centennial Blvd) on Monday, April 25th.

Ref: Joseph Clark, Associated Press ["AP WAS THERE: In 1967, Colorado 1st to loosen abortion law"](#) 25 Apr 2017
Ref: The Gazette, Editorial Board ["Barbaric new bill allows postnatal 'abortion' rights"](#) 12 Mar 2022

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The President's Corner

As outlined on page 1, the pro-abortion bill briefly described in last month's newsletter has been introduced at the state legislature.

Titled the "[Reproductive Health Equity Act](#)" (HB22-1279), the bill is being speedily moved through the legislative process, having already cleared the House and passed through the Senate committee hearing at the time of this writing. It will likely be on the governor's desk or even signed by the time you get this newsletter.

Proponents of the bill claim it is required to ensure access to abortion should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the bill is vaguely written and could be interpreted to go far beyond *Roe* in its ramifications including **striking down Colorado's parental notification law and eliminating any conscientious objection possibilities for medical personnel** regarding abortion.

Having testified at both the House and Senate committee hearings, I can assure you that **the hundreds of hours of pro-life testimony were excellent, abundant and thorough**. I also heard that many emails were received by committee members. **I thank you profusely for your efforts to have the pro-life message heard in this debate.**

However, **the pro-life witness was ignored by the majority party**. For them the bill was essential in order to maintain abortion access as a backup measure for contraception failure. Without abortion, they insist that women are enslaved by their reproductive systems. One supporter succinctly noted that she is not an "incubator." **From their perspective, the humanity of the child is not a consideration at all.**

I also testified at hearings for the pro-life bills mentioned in last month's newsletter:

- [Protecting Human Life at Conception](#)" (HB22-1047),
- [Abolishing Abortion in Colorado](#)" (HB22-1079),
- [Induced Termination of Pregnancy State Registrar](#)" (HB22-1075)
- [Ultrasound Video Demonstration in Sex Education](#)" (HB22-1136)

All were killed in committee on party-line votes.

Notably, on the Ultrasound Video bill, one reason given for rejecting the bill was that such a video could shame students. Translation: **truthful biological education might lead students to understand that abortion actually kills a child**. They don't want such understanding to occur.

So, for now that means we need to do the educating ourselves. Such an effort is the main objective of Pikes Peak Citizens for Life. Thank you for your support as we endeavor to rebuild a culture of life in Colorado!

Matt

Humanity's Looming Procreative Anarchy

In a recent essay for National Review, Wesley J. Smith, senior fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism, points out the dystopian insanity that is lurking in our near future:

"It is no secret that the traditional family is under unprecedented assault. But we haven't seen anything yet... in an article published in the Reproductive and Fertility medical journal. A bioethicist claims there are no moral reasons for disallowing skin cells to be turned into ova and sperm (in vitro gametogenesis, IVG) — already done in mice — so as to allow open-ended means of having children."

Smith points to the bio-ethicist's shocking observation: *"Biological parenthood could conceivably be made accessible to the deceased; postmenopausal women; single individuals; same-sex couples; groups of more than two individuals; children, fetuses and embryos."*

His conclusion is shockingly lucid: *"The West is engaged in the most radical remaking of the basic structure of the family in human history — enabled by the most powerful technologies ever devised — methods that can literally change our genomes down the generations and erase fundamental family definitions... Not only are we not creating reasonable boundaries; we aren't even talking about it."*

Ref: National Review, Wesley J. Smith, "[Our Looming Procreative Anarchy](#)" 15 Feb 2022

The following are excerpts from a recent PPCFL blog posts by [Connie Pratt](#)

More news and views can be found each month on our website at:

<https://www.ppcitizensforlife.org/our-how/blog/>



Physician-Assisted Suicide is Dangerous for All

Proponents of PAS say there are only two options: suffering or suicide. Their movement prompts people to throw away often good years. It pressures medical people to take part. (In response to such pressure, some CA facilities now declare themselves 'no-kill hospitals.')

The PAS movement especially threatens women, minorities, the poor, the elderly, the mentally ill, and the disabled. In fact, PAS is most strongly opposed by these people, who know the last to get costly care will be the first to be offered cheap death.

In light of all this, it's noteworthy that, as attorney Wesley J. Smith says, PAS is primarily promoted by highly-educated, very wealthy people who never fear being pushed from the 'lifeboat,' deprived of care.

Any Suicide has a Detrimental Effect on Those Left Behind

The suicide of a family member or friend often causes guilt, anger, abandonment, denial, helplessness, and shock. Not surprisingly, it is itself a risk factor for suicide.

Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, a psychiatrist and an expert on suicide, says there is evidence suicidal behavior spreads person to person through social networks, up to three "degrees of separation." (In short, my decision to take my life would affect not just my friends' risk...but even my friends' friends' friends' risk.)

Physician-assisted suicide (PAS) especially traumatizes those who have watched it. A Swiss study of those who'd witnessed legal PAS found 20% had "severe mental health problems" 14-24 months later.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ Monday, April 25th, 3:00pm

Pro-Life Prayer Warriors are invited to come out to the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood on Centennial (3480 Centennial Blvd) to pray in supplication and reparation for an end to abortion in Colorado.

Why April 25th? On that date in 1967, Governor John Love signed the bill decriminalizing abortion in Colorado. That's right, before New York, before Roe v Wade, Colorado led our nation into what is now an abyss of unlimited abortion access.

May 16-17; The Matter of Life We stand at a critical point in history where the question of abortion is being debated in the highest courts. It is time to understand the pro-life case and form beliefs on more than what is said in the media. An exclusive sneak peek of the award-winning documentary. Details at: <https://www.revelationmedia.com/watchthematteroflife/CARMELT MOL9>

SAVE THE DATE

August 26, 2022

Celebrate Family Night is designed to be a community pro-life event at the Rocky Mountain VIBES baseball game sponsored by Pikes Peak Citizens for Life and Save The Storks.



Groundbreaking Ceremony & Blessing

Mater Filius Maternity Home

Saturday, April 9
11:00 a.m.

Mater Filius Colorado Springs, our local Maternity Home project, breaks ground this month! Bishop Golka will bless the ground and the project.

The blessing event also marks the official close of the Lent 2022 40 Days for Life Campaign.

Join the pro-life community as we celebrate and honor local efforts to protect and defend life.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
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