

(Bob LeMay's summary of the two Illinois bills)

Pretty much all restrictions on abortion are removed, only the "pregnant individual" (they removed "mother" and "woman" from the definitions!) can decide (at any age--parental notification revoked), abortion statistics are now secret (no FOIA requests), doctors can't be disciplined for abortions on women who aren't pregnant, and coroners can't investigate deaths at abortion clinics (women or children).

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Here is the synopsis of the House bill HB2495:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2495&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=118530&SessionID=108&GA=101>

Here is one important part: "Provides that a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent rights under the law, of this State." **This means the baby has ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHTS before birth.**

Here are more:

1. "Repeals the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975, the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act, and the Abortion Performance Refusal Act." **This basically eliminates any restrictions on abortion.**
2. "Provides that information and records held by the Department collected under the Reproductive Health Act is exempt from inspection and copying." **This means that all statistics about abortion in Illinois are secret.**
3. "Provides that that term "ambulatory surgical treatment center" does not include any facility in which the performance of abortion procedures is limited to those performed without general, epidural, or spinal anesthesia." **Means that abortion clinics don't have to meet the same standards as other surgical centers.**
4. "Provides insurance requirements for the coverage of abortion." **This means that all insurance coverage in Illinois will be required to cover abortions.**
5. "Amends the Nurse Practice Act." **This means that non-doctors (such as Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners) will be able to perform abortions.**

From the full text of the bill (found here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/10100HB2495lv.htm>):

A. "This includes the fundamental right of an individual to use or refuse contraception or sterilization, and to make AUTONOMOUS decisions about how to exercise that right;" (page 1,

lines 10-13) This means that only the woman who is pregnant can make the decision (even if she is a minor); the father has no rights.

B. "'Abortion' means the use of any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device to terminate the pregnancy of an individual known to be pregnant **with an intention other than** to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth, or to remove a dead fetus." (page 2, lines 13-18) This definition of abortion seems to say that abortion is a medical intervention to **DECREASE** the likelihood of a live birth and **NOT** to preserve the life or health of a child after a live birth!

C. "'Pregnancy' means the human reproductive process, beginning with the implantation of an embryo." (page 3, line 24-25) This definition denies that pregnancy begins when conception occurs--in essence, that a woman isn't "with child" until several days after conception.

D. The state shall not "(2) prosecute, punish, or otherwise deprive any individual of the individual's rights for any act or failure to act during the individual's own pregnancy, if the predominant basis for such prosecution, punishment, or deprivation of rights is the potential, actual, or perceived impact on the pregnancy or its outcomes or on the pregnant individual's own health." This means that women can't be punished for harming their baby by doing drugs, abusing alcohol, or other behaviors while pregnant!

E. "(a) A health care professional may provide abortion care in accordance with the health care professional's best professional judgment and training" (page 6, lines 3-5). Note that a "health care professional" is defined as "including, but not limited to, a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, **or person acting under the supervision of one of the above.**" (page 3, lines 1-4). That means that an abortion can be performed by someone **WITH NO TRAINING AT ALL!**

F. "(d) All reports received by the Department pursuant to this Section shall be treated as confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act." (page 6, lines 17-19) This means that no statistics about abortion procedures can be analyzed for the public good (even though the previous section requires complete anonymity in reporting), which means that bad outcomes, clinic mistakes, etc. won't be public.

G. "(735 ILCS 5/11-107.1 rep.) Section 905-25. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by repealing Section 11-107.1." (page 8, lines 11-13). This removes a husband's right to have any say.

H. "(745 ILCS 30/Act rep.) Section 905-30. The Abortion Performance Refusal Act is repealed." (page 8, lines 14-16) **Doctors and hospitals can be sued for not providing or referring for abortions.**

I. "Section 910-10. The Children and Family Services Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:" (page 11, lines 5-6; page 14, lines 11-13). **Removes the part prohibiting the act from providing funds for abortions.**

J. "Section 910-20. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 3-3013 as follows:" (page 49, lines 6-7; page 49, 21-22) Removes the section that says county coroners must investigate "(b) A maternal or fetal death due to abortion..." **This means that coroners won't investigate if a woman dies during an abortion--in essence, giving the abortionist final say in what caused the death!!!!**

K. "Section 910-25. The Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act is amended by changing Section 2, and 3 as follows:" (page 56, lines 8-9; page 56, lines 13; page 57, lines 11-14) Removes abortion from medical procedures that the state has a "legitimate interest in assuring ... are performed under circumstances that insure maximum safety." Also removes abortion facilities from the definition of "Ambulatory surgical treatment center" if they don't use "general, epidural, or spinal anesthesia" EXCEPT that they exclude "local anesthesia or intravenous sedation" from these types of anesthesia!!! **This removes many safeguards for women being treated in abortion clinics.**

L. "Section 910-30. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Section 356z.4 and adding 356z.4a as follows:" (page 59, lines 18-19). **Removes the section that says the insurance coverage doesn't have to include abortion.**

M. "(215 ILCS 5/356z.4a new) Sec. 356z.4a. Coverage for abortion." (page 65, lines 24-25; page 66, lines 1-7) This requires any insurance policy issued after this act "provides a covered person with coverage for abortion care" nor allow deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments, or other cost-sharing. **This makes abortions COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE under all new insurance policies!!!**

N. "(225 ILCS 60/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-22)" (page 73, line 5; page 73, line 14 to page 74, line 10) **Prevents disciplinary action against doctors** who perform abortions outside of approved medical facilities. (page 74, lines 11-13) **Prevents disciplinary action against a doctor** for the "Performance of an abortion procedure in a willful and wanton manner on a woman **who was not pregnant** at the time the abortion procedure was performed." **So doctors can't**

be disciplined for performing abortions in back alleys, or on women who are not pregnant (these are VERY profitable!!!)

O. "Section 910-55. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:" (page 100, lines 11-12; page 101, lines 15-18). Omits abortion specifically from the definition of "fetal death"!!! Also laughingly removes the term "it's mother" and substitutes "the uterus" when defining where fetal death occurs! (Don't want to admit that the fetus already has a mother at this point!!!)

P. "(720 ILCS 5/9-1.2) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-1.2) Sec. 9-1.2. Intentional Homicide of an Unborn Child." (page 108, line 23 to page 109, line 15) Changes the definition of who can have an "unborn child" from "woman" to "individual"!!! Changes the definition of "unborn child" to start at implantation, not fertilization.

Q. "Section 910-70. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by changing Section 8-802 as follows: (735 ILCS 5/8-802) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-802)" (page 114, lines 4-6; page 115, lines 1-3) No longer is a physician required to disclose information obtained by examination of a patient of "... any criminal action where the charge is either first degree murder by abortion, attempted abortion or abortion"

R. "Section 910-75. The Rights of Married Persons Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows: (750 ILCS 65/15) (from Ch. 40, par. 1015)" (page 116, lines 15-17; page 117, line 25 to page 118, line 12) Removes the restriction that spouses and parents are **NOT** liable for abortion expenses of spouse or child.