

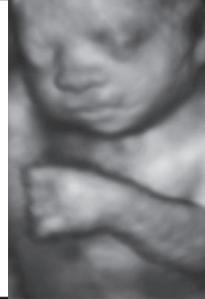
PRIORITY LEGISLATION: PROTECT PAIN-CAPABLE BABIES

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The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (HF 1312 and SF 1609) would take the first step toward ending this abortion-until-birth policy by prohibiting abortion after 22 weeks gestation (20 weeks post-fertilization), when scientific evidence shows

End Minnesota's abortion-until-birth policy!



that unborn children can feel pain. The bill includes an exception to preserve the life of the mother or to prevent substantial impairment of a major bodily function.

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can experience pain at least by 20 weeks after fertilization.

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her from the womb piece by piece. Other late abortions involve poisoning the child with a lethal injection before inducing labor.

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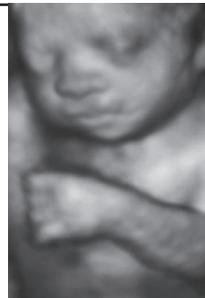
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