

Learn the FACTS

A proposed amendment to South Dakota's constitution would impose a radical abortion policy on our state:

- 1** Allows painful, late-term abortions up until the moment of birth.
- 2** Endangers women's lives by dropping health & safety requirements for abortion.
- 3** Overturns common-sense laws to protect women and girls from coerced abortions.

**Protect our
Constitution**

**OPPOSE the extreme
abortion amendment.**

What can I do?

Learn how you can help stop the extreme abortion amendment by signing up for updates from the Life Defense Fund and the South Dakota Catholic Conference.

www.LifeDefenseFund.com
www.SDCatholicConference.org

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

– St. Teresa of Calcutta



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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?

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pregnant woman's
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Understanding the
fine print of the
abortion amendment

Read it yourself: the abortion amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Article VI of **the Constitution** of the State of South Dakota be amended by adding a NEW SECTION:

Before the end of the **first trimester**, the State **may not regulate** a pregnant woman's abortion decision **and its effectuation**, which must be left to the judgment of the pregnant woman.

After the end of the first trimester and until the **end of the second trimester**, the State may **regulate** the pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation only in ways that are reasonably related to the **physical health of the pregnant woman**.

After the end of the second trimester, the State **may regulate or prohibit abortion**, except when abortion is necessary, in the **medical judgment** of the woman's physician, to **preserve the life or health** of the pregnant woman.

Adding abortion to the constitution takes away the power of citizens to change the law through the legislative process.

Total deregulation of abortion industry. Rules to protect health and safety, including a parent's right to be involved in their teen daughter's abortion, will be overridden.

Ends at 27-28 weeks. Allows painful, late-term abortions of healthy, viable babies.

No regulations allowed to protect the health of the *preborn child*.

Meaning, 3rd trimester – all the way until birth!

No requirement for the judgment to be "reasonable."

90+ percent of abortions occur in the 1st trimester.

"Effectuation" means "carrying out." Totally prohibits any safeguards on how abortion is carried out – even laws to prevent coerced abortions.

But not prohibit.

Deceptive language, because the rest of the sentence **REQUIRES** that 3rd trimester abortions be allowed for ANY "health" reason, no matter how minor.

Not limited to physical health. Can include emotional, psychological, and familial factors.