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Amended Abortion Bill a Political Fig Leaf Made of Cellophane

Providence, RI—The Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee yesterday posted an amended version of an abortion bill sponsored by Rep. Anastasia Williams, 2019 – H 5125 Substitute A, which pretends to address concerns raised by thousands of Rhode Islanders.

According to Rhode Island Right to Life executive director Barth E. Bracy, “The amended Williams bill is nothing more than a political fig leaf made of cellophane.” Bracy points to a seven-page legal review of the amended bill by national expert Paul Benjamin Linton, Esq., which demonstrates how it is “a gross distortion and blatant misrepresentation” to claim that this “slightly revised” version of the original bill would merely codify the principles of *Roe v Wade*.

H 5125 Substitute A remains an extreme abortion bill, like its counterparts in New York and Virginia. It is a sweeping expansion of the abortion license in Rhode Island, which will prevent meaningful state regulation of the abortion industry, protect 2nd and 3rd trimester abortion methods such as partial birth abortions, dismemberment abortions, and abortions performed on pain-capable unborn children, and eliminate meaningful restriction and limitation of post-viability abortions.

“It would be a very sad and despicable legacy,” Bracy concludes, “for a self-professed pro-life Speaker to be responsible for creating the first-ever statutory right to abortion in Rhode Island state history, particularly one so broad and so extreme.”

About Rhode Island Right to Life: Rhode Island Right to Life was founded in 1969 with the mission to advocate for a state, nation and world in which the innocent lives of the unborn, the disabled, the elderly and the ill are valued by the citizenry and protected by civil law. RI Right to Life lobbies for legislation that advances the cause of the sanctity of human life at both the state and federal levels. RI Right to Life is the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee.