



## Fact Sheet: HB 200

To date HB 200 has received one hearing. However this bill may be revived when the legislature returns to session in the fall. This bill is very concerning and would leave Ohio with the strictest abortion restrictions in the nation. It is being pushed by the National Pro-Life Alliance.

HB 200 would:

- Increase the waiting period for an abortion from 24 hours to **48 hours**.
- Redefine a **medical emergency** from creating an “immediate threat of serious risk to the life or physical health of the woman” to “so complicates the medical condition of the woman that the death of the woman would result from the failure to immediately terminate the pregnancy.” It also eliminates medical necessity as a reason to perform an abortion without completing the waiting period.
- Require a physician to perform an ultrasound portraying the entire fetus and describe to the woman, verbally and in writing, the fetus’ physiological and anatomical characteristics & its neurological development, including its ability to feel pain.
- Require a **physician to inform the woman**, verbally and in writing, of the link between breast cancer and abortion, information that has been shown to be medically inaccurate. The physician is also to advise, verbally and in writing, on the risk of infection, hemorrhage, cervical or uterine perforation and infertility, and the risk to future pregnancies.
- Require physicians who perform abortions to **sign a conflict of interest disclaimer stating their gross income**, or the facility’s, from the previous year and the **percentage of income** that was “obtained as fees for the performance of an abortion” along with a “statement concerning the monetary loss to the physician or facility that would result from the woman’s decision to carry the woman’s pregnancy to term.”
- Make any violation of this section of law a **first degree felony** and fines the offender **1 million dollars**. This felony charge could result in the suspension or revocation of the doctor’s license.