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“Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add ‘within the limits of the law’ because law is often but the tyrant’s will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual.”

Thomas Jefferson

North Carolina State House and Senate Successfully Override Governor’s Veto

Last week on Thursday the North Carolina State House [swiftly](#) overrode N.C. Governor Pat McCrory’s veto of a religious freedom bill that protects and re-affirms the first amendment rights of the citizens of North Carolina. Senator Phil Berger, author and backer of the bill, praised the lawmakers in a twitter post saying, “Thank you to House members for voting their conscience.” The 69-41 vote by the state House comes less than one week after the state Senate also voted to override the veto. The legislation protects the rights of N.C. magistrates to choose not to issue same-sex marriage licenses based on their religious beliefs and rights of conscience. In May, the republican governor had vetoed the bill stating that “we are a nation and a state of laws” and that in order to hold office, public officials cannot be exempt from any constitutional duty. Tami Fitzgerald, the executive director of the N.C. Values Coalition, condemned McCrory stating, “We think that any governor who calls himself conservative shouldn’t veto a bill that protects the religious freedom of his constituents. We’re elated that the legislature has shown leadership in protecting religious freedom for the citizens of North Carolina.” While some claim the bill is discriminatory, House Majority Leader Mike Hager argues, “It does not discriminate against anyone for any reason; it simply gives protection to our magistrates and registers of deeds so that they are not forced to perform an act that they have a sincere religious objection to.” Contenders of the bill gathered immediately after the vote to discuss strategy, determined that the fight is not over.

Senator Lindsey Graham Introduces Pro-Life Bill

On Thursday, June 11, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced the [Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act](#) in the Senate. Medical studies have shown that the unborn child does experience and respond to pain at and even possibly before the twentieth week after fertilization (considered the twenty-second week of pregnancy). Citing this evidence as its basis, the bill would make it federal law that no abortions be performed after the twenty-week mark. The exceptions to this policy are pregnancies in which the mother’s life is in danger or pregnancies created by rape or incest. The bill also requires a second physician to be present when abortions are performed to aid in saving the life of the baby if he is born alive during the procedure. The House already passed a similar resolution, H.R. 36, on May 13, 2015.

North Carolina Passes Abortion Waiting Period Bill

The North Carolina legislature passed a mandatory 72-hour abortion waiting period bill on Wednesday, June 3. Governor Pat McCrory signed the bill into law on Friday, June 5, making North Carolina the twenty-fourth state to require an abortion waiting period, and one of four states to require a 72-hour waiting period, joining Missouri, South Dakota, and Utah. This bill extends the current 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions. The lawmakers reason that women should have enough time to gather any information they might

need to make this momentous decision. The law requires physicians and women to wait 72 hours between the time of the first consultation with a physician and the time the doctors perform the abortion. The bill includes other regulations for doctors and clinics that perform the abortions.

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