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Planned Parenthood Files Lawsuit to Allow Nurses and Midwives to Do Abortions

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Struggling to find enough doctors willing to abort unborn babies, Planned Parenthood is pushing states to allow nurses and midwives to abort unborn babies, too.

While Planned Parenthood has succeeded legislatively in only a few states, it recently filed a lawsuit in Maine that it hopes will eventually force the whole nation to conform to its abortion agenda.

The Portland Press Herald reports

(<http://www.pressherald.com/2017/09/20/planned-parenthood-challenging-maine-law-that-restricts-abortion-providers/>) Planned Parenthood of Northern New England and the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit challenging a Maine law that requires that abortions be performed by doctors only.

The pro-abortion groups announced the lawsuit Wednesday, claiming the current law unconstitutionally restricts women's access to abortion.

"... there are only three publicly accessible health centers in Maine where a woman can get an in-clinic abortion," the abortion business said in a statement Wednesday. "If this medically unjustified restriction is blocked, that number will increase to at least 18 locations across this large, rural state."

The abortion chain said the U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down Texas abortion clinic regulations in 2016 gave them hope that a legal challenge could succeed in Maine.

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"... there's now precedent to challenge medically unnecessary abortion restrictions like Maine's physician-only law," Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Amy Cookson said.

Here's more from the report:

Zach Heiden, legal director for the ACLU of Maine, said Wednesday the idea is to test the laws in Maine, and if the lawsuit is successful, legal challenges could be mounted in other states. Heiden said more than 35 states have similar laws requiring that abortions be carried out only by doctors.

He said that when many of the laws were passed, there were far fewer nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives, so although the original intent may not have been to restrict access to abortion, over time that has become the practical effect.

In 2015, California passed a law

(<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/12/29/california-is-the-abortion-capital-of-the-u-s-now-its-birthrate-is-the-lowest-level-on-record/>) allowing non-doctors to abort unborn babies. The new law has put countless women and their unborn babies in jeopardy. One study found that abortions done by non-physicians were twice as likely to have complications

(<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/11/09/dangerous-new-california-law-allows-nurses-and-midwives-to-do-abortions/>) as those done by licensed physicians.

This new issue is one of the ways the abortion industry hopes to prop up its life-destroying business. Abortion rates are dropping and abortion clinics have been closing partly because fewer doctors are willing to abort unborn babies.

According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, in 1982, there were 2,918 abortion doctors practicing in America, but by 2011, there were only 1,720.

A number of abortion clinics also closed in the past few years because abortionists retired and no one was willing to take their places, according to a 2016 Bloomberg study (<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/02/24/abortion-clinics-closing-at-record-pace-as-more-babies-saved-from-abortions/>).

Randy K. O'Bannon, PhD., director of education and research for the National Right to Life Committee, previously reported at LifeNews (<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/06/04/shortage-of-abortion-docs-forces-planned-parenthood-to-look-for-nurses-to-do-abortions/>) that abortion groups are responding to the shortage by trying to push states to allow non-doctors to do abortions and to legalize dangerous webcam abortions.

Though abortion activists blame stigma and harassment for the shortage, statistics indicate (<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/07/12/another-poll-confirms-young-people-under-35-are-strongly-pro-life/>) that more people are realizing the truth that abortion is a human rights injustice against unborn babies.



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