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Louisiana Clinics Sue Over State Law to Ban Late Term Abortions

Hours after Louisiana Governor Mike Foster signed into law a bill banning so-called "partial-birth" abortions, a group of women's health care providers filed suit in federal court. The group claims that the bill's definition of "partial-birth" abortion is overly broad and thus the bill violates a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. The suit claims that the overly broad definition could cover commonly and constitutionally acceptable methods of abortion. The suit also alleges that the law prevents doctors from exercising their best medical opinion when treating women. Causeway Medical Suite, Bossier City Medical Suite, Hope Medical Group for Women, Delta Women's Clinic, Women's Health Clinic, James DeGuerce, M.D., and A. James Whitmore III, M.D. brought the suit against the state.

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