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Rep. Cassidy Reproductive Healthcare Act Passes Both Chambers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, Senate Bill 25 the Reproductive Healthcare Act (RHA), ensuring women’s access to reproductive healthcare in the State of Illinois passed both chambers as of today.

“States across the country are passing legislation to undermine Roe v. Wade to fill the pipeline to the Supreme Court to eventually overturn our rights. The Reproductive Healthcare Act is testament that we will not go back in Illinois” Cassidy said. “To our neighboring States, Ohio, Missouri and Indiana I say our rights will not be taken away, not on my watch.”

Cassidy’s Senate Bill 25 solidifies that all forms of reproductive healthcare are fundamental rights and codifies current medical practice standards. The bill expands reproductive healthcare and removes decades old criminal penalties against physicians performing abortions along with spousal consent laws and waiting periods that are currently found in Illinois statute. Although these laws have been ruled unconstitutional with the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned the RHA seeks to correct our statutes to reflect Illinois current medical practices related to reproductive healthcare.

“With recent appointments to the Supreme Court and constant threats from the Federal government to overturn our rights, our fight for choice and bodily autonomy is more important than ever” said Cassidy.

The bill passed out of the House Tuesday, May 28 and passed the Senate today. The bill is now being sent to the Governor and awaits his signature to be signed into law.

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