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**H.3114 <[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/bills/129.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/129.htm)> is NOT a 'Pro-Life' Bill.**

**H.3114 <[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/bills/129.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/129.htm)> further 'dumbs-down  
the Biblical moral standard of the sanctity of  
human life.**

**H.3114 <[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/bills/129.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/129.htm)> is another in a 20+ years  
long series of incremental**

bills which are perpetuating child-murder-by-  
"abortion"

## **Incrementalism in Theory is the Perpetuation of "Abortion"**

**in Practice.** [ Borrowed from William Lloyd Garrison's famous quote  
about abolishing slavery ]

### **Pass Personhood ( S.129**

**<[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/bills/129.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/129.htm)> now !!!**

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*The State* ( Columbia, SC )

### **‘Pain-capable’ SC abortion ban gains early ground**

<<http://www.thestate.com/2015/01/22/3942849/abortion-ban-after-19-weeks-sees.html>>  
January 22, 2015

COLUMBIA S.C. lawmakers gave an early push to a bill Thursday that would ban abortions after 19 weeks of pregnancy – an effort the General Assembly came close to passing last year.

A five-member state House panel unanimously OK'd the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act." That act would ban abortion after 19 weeks – based on pro-lifers' claims, disputed by some in the medical community, that a fetus can feel pain at that point.

If the House Judiciary Committee also approves, the bill will go the House floor for a vote. A similar bill passed the House 81-22 last year only to die in the state Senate in June as the clock ran out on the legislative session.

Supporters and opponents of the bill testified before the House panel, debating whether abortion – at any stage of pregnancy – is ethical and whether laws to prohibit the procedure are constitutional.

The effort mirrors similar bills and new laws in other states and in Congress. However, lawmakers in the GOP-controlled U.S. House pulled a bill Wednesday after backlash from Republican women and other lawmakers. Republicans had planned to debate the bill Thursday, coinciding with the annual March on Life rally and the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion through the second trimester.

The S.C. proposal, sponsored by state Rep. Wendy Nanney, R-Greenville, is one of at least eight state bills that have been filed to restrict abortion.

Supporters and opponents say state bans on abortion after 19 or 20 weeks of pregnancy could force the U.S. Supreme Court again to weigh in on the issue. Eleven states have passed similar bans, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health advocacy group.

The abortion ban's early progress pleased pro-life activist Holly Gatling, one of more than a dozen people who testified before the House panel.

"We made it to the one-yard line (last year)," said Gatling, executive director of the S.C. Citizens for Life and secretary of the National Right to Life Committee.

Abortion now is legal in South Carolina through 24 weeks of pregnancy. After 24 weeks, in the third trimester, abortions are banned in the state except if the mother's life is in danger.

Supporters of the ban, including some neonatal physicians and pediatricians, said Thursday they think fetuses can feel pain at 20 weeks and do not simply react reflexively to stimuli. They called the 24-week benchmark "arbitrary."

Opponents questioned that science, adding an abortion ban after 19 weeks would be unconstitutional.

If Nanney's bill becomes law, it also would impact a small number of women who usually have abortions because of severe problems, the bill's opponents said.

From 2008 through 2013, 165 abortions were performed in South Carolina on