THE GOVERNOR

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Proclamation; Senate Bill No. 3, Printer's No. 283

I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have caused this Proclamation to issue and, in compliance with the provisions of Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby give notice that I have filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with my objections thereto, the following bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly at the Regular Session of 2017.

Senate Bill No. 3, Printer's No. 283, entitled "Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes*, in abortion, further providing for definitions, for medical consultation and judgment and for the offense of abortion on unborn child of 24 or more weeks gestational age, providing for dismemberment abortion ban and further providing for reporting."

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-second.

Governor

Tan Wolf

Attest: ROBERT TORRES, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Notice of Veto; Senate Bill 3, Printer's No. 283

December 18, 2017

To the Honorable Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

This legislation eliminates the right for women to make informed decisions regarding their health care and criminalizes medical procedures used by physicians in consultation with their patients. Further, the bill provides no exception for victims of rape or incest or for fetal anomalies incompatible with life, even though these anomalies may not be discovered until the fetus reaches 20 weeks.

This legislation is an extreme restriction on women and medical professionals and interferes with crucial decision-making between patients and their physicians. Physicians and their patients must be able to make choices about medical procedures based on best practices and standards of care. The

prohibitions under this bill are not consistent with the fundamental rights vested by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

Sincerely,

Governor

Tan Wolf

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