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Ohio House Votes to Override; Senate Fails--Heartbeat Bill Veto is Sustained

Your Ohio House and Senate voted today, on the controversial Human Heartbeat Bill. While the Bill, which was vetoed by Governor Kasich before Christmas passed the Ohio House by a 60-28 vote, **there were not enough votes in the Ohio Senate to override.** Final vote in the Senate was 19-13.

The Ohio Human Heartbeat Protection Act, more commonly referred to as “the Heartbeat Bill”, is a bill that **mandates that an abortion provider must test for the presence of a fetal heartbeat of a pre-born child when the mother presents for an abortion.** Should a fetal heartbeat be detected, the law prohibits an abortion from taking place, providing fourth degree felony penalties for an abortion provider who violates the statute.

The veto override attempt was successful in the House, with a vote of 60-28, but failed 19-13 after Senators Matt Dolan of Cleveland, Stephanie Kunze of Columbus, John Eklund of Geauga Co., Gayle Manning of Lorain and Bill Beagle of Dayton would not vote for the override.

“The lack of commitment of those members of the Senate who refused to provide the votes to make this happen after an eight-year journey will be recorded,” noted Margie Christie, Dayton Right to Life and President-elect of the Right To Life Action Coalition of Ohio. “It’s rather sad that

some of these legislators would rather curry favor with a lame-duck Governor than to vote to protect life when it counts the most.”

On your behalf, Dayton Right to Life will be reaching out to those Representatives and Senators in our area who supported the veto override. **If you are so inclined, we encourage you to do the same.**

Abortion advocates are quick to attack our pro-life legislators—so please take the time to email or contact these courageous elected officials with your appreciation. We would also like to thank our pro-life partners across the state, Cleveland Right to Life, National Black Pro-life Coalition, Toledo Right to Life, Created Equal, Cincinnati Right to Life, and many other courageous statewide organizations that spoke out for life when it was needed.

“Dayton Right to Life and our partners will continue the fight into 2019,” added Christie.

Dayton Right to Life is committed to continue the fight to protect the life of the unborn, but we cannot do it without your continued support. Please consider supporting our work – visit our website <https://daytonlife.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/> to donate online.

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