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Rep. Born Votes In Favor of Sending 14 Week Abortion Ban to Referendum

Madison – Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of legislation that would allow voters to weigh in on whether to implement a 14 week abortion ban in the State of Wisconsin through a binding referendum.

“Abortion is a highly sensitive topic that brings out strong reactions from individuals on both sides of the political aisle,” Rep. Born said. “This legislation gives voters the ability to weigh in directly on this issue to decide if they believe Wisconsin should have an abortion ban after 14 weeks with the exception of cases of rape or incest.”

The legislation, Assembly Bill 975, would give voters in the April 2024 election the ability to determine whether to implement a 14 week abortion ban in the state of Wisconsin. The referendum, if passed, would also add exceptions for rape and incest to the existing exception for protecting the life of the mother. If the referendum passes, it would immediately become state law.

“This legislation would take the abortion conversation away from the volatility of the courts and put it back in the hands of voters,” Rep. Born added. “The selection of 14 weeks reflects a compromise position that is in line with the restriction many European nations place on abortion.”

The bill passed the State Assembly in a 53-46 vote and now heads to the State Senate for consideration.

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