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## Sen. Felzkowski and GOP Colleagues Introduce Abortion Exceptions Bill

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**Madison, WI** – On Wednesday, Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and several of her GOP colleagues introduced a bill that would provide abortion exceptions for instances of rape and incest, in addition to updating Wisconsin’s life of the mother exception.

The bill would allow women who are survivors of rape and incest to have the option of seeking medical help for an abortion, within the first trimester of their pregnancy. The bill also modernizes the outdated language for the life of the mother exception, giving our medical professionals the ability to care for their patients in the gray areas of healthcare complications.

“A lot of thoughtfulness and contemplation was put into this bill, and we have all taken the time to have serious conversations with our districts, hear the stories of women who have been in difficult situations, and discuss the intricacies of this with our healthcare community and our care providers. We currently have a law in place that the vast majority of Wisconsinites do not agree with. On the flip side, we have a Democratic party that is pushing for abortion on demand up until the moment of birth. This legislation provides for reasonable exceptions while still protecting every life that we can – including the mother’s.”

“The bottom line here is that we recognize that life is not black and white. Women are put in painful, difficult, and oftentimes impossible situations where they are the victims of rape and incest. We need to show compassion for these women going through these heartbreaking scenarios, and we need to trust these women to make their own decisions in how they move past this trauma.”

Senator Felzkowski and Representative Joel Kitchens (R- Sturgeon Bay) also re-introduced legislation that would allow pharmacists to prescribe birth control.

“We are re-introducing this bill because we want to give women more choices in their reproductive healthcare and give them the opportunity to reduce unplanned pregnancies, which can have a considerable impact on mothers, their families, and society as a whole. This legislation has been proven to lower the amount of abortions in other states, and provides women with the ability to better plan their families.”

Both bills are currently out for co-sponsorship.

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