

Rep. Katsma: Votes to protect life

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Madison - Rep. Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg) and the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a package of four bills in response to proposals from around the nation that would make late-term abortions legal up to the moment of birth.

Among the provisions in this package are the [Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act](#), which requires a provider present at the time of a failed abortion to provide the same level of professional care to the surviving child as they would to any other child; and the [Sex Selective, Genetic Disorder Abortion Ban](#) which bans abortions from being performed solely due to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or potential diagnosis of a congenital disability of the unborn child.

“I have been alarmed at the increased effort around the nation to make it easier to obtain an abortion later in pregnancy,” said Rep. Katsma. “This package fulfills a promise I made to constituents this fall and reaffirmed with my Republican colleagues in February to protect all life in Wisconsin.”

In 2017, the number of induced abortions went up in Wisconsin for the first time since 2009. Before this increase, Wisconsin had seen seven consecutive years of falling numbers of abortions.

“I remain fully committed to decreasing the number of abortions performed in Wisconsin,” said Rep. Katsma. “I am proud to have voted for this common sense and comprehensive approach to saving lives in Wisconsin.”

In addition to the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act, and the Sex Selective, Genetic Disorder Abortion Ban, the package also contained the [Woman's Right to Know](#)

[Act](#) to ensure that any woman who is prescribed an abortion pill regimen understands that she may still be able to save her baby, and a guarantee that [taxpayer funds will not subsidize abortion providers](#) in any way.