

Wisconsin Right to Life: Urges support of the Wisconsin Heartbeat Act, LRB-4971/1

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Wisconsin Right to Life strongly supports and is encouraged by the introduction of the Heartbeat Act circulated today for co-sponsorship in the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly.

Introduced by Senator Bradley, Representative Rozar, and Representative Callahan, the Heartbeat Act would affirm the humanity of unborn children, and prevent abortions from being performed once a heartbeat is detected.

Similar to legislation passed in Texas on September 1st, 2021, the Wisconsin Heartbeat Act would ensure that any practitioner who induces an abortion after detecting a fetal heartbeat would face civil liability and a medical board review.

According to [Texas Right to Life](#), over 10,000 babies have been saved since the Heartbeat Act was signed into law in Texas on September 1st, 2021.

After nearly half a century since an all-male Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, scientific advances have shown the humanity of children in the womb, and allowed for children born prematurely to receive lifesaving care.

Ultrasound technology allows mothers to hear the beating of their child's heart as early as six weeks. Furthermore, by six weeks, a baby's brain and spinal cord have started to develop, blood vessels begin forming in the circulatory system, and the baby has begun to develop pain receptors.

Gracie Skogman, legislative director at Wisconsin Right to Life stated, "A heartbeat is an undeniable sign of life, and reminds us of the humanity of unborn children who

are deserving of protection. The Wisconsin Heartbeat Act, if passed, would be a powerful step forward in ensuring the protection of all children, and furthers our mission of making abortion both illegal and unthinkable.”

Recent [polling](#) shows that half of Americans believe abortion should be illegal once this profound sign of life, a heartbeat, can be detected.