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## **SENATE GIVES PRELIMINARY NOD TO PERRY'S PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION**

LUBBOCK, TX – After close to four hours of debate on the senate floor, pro-life legislation sponsored by Senator Charles Perry (R – Lubbock) received preliminary approval by a 20-11 vote margin. HB 3994 is pro-life legislation that modifies the current process a minor must go through to obtain an abortion through a judicial bypass.

“We must ensure that the judicial bypass process is used as intended, not frivolously but as a tool to protect minor victims from abuse,” said Senator Charles Perry. “HB 3994 strengthens parental rights, protects minors, and reduces unlawful abortions.”

HB 3994 is the first piece of major pro-life legislation to pass in the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The bill has the combined support of Texas Right to Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Texas Catholic Conference, and the Texans for Life Coalition.

“I am proud that the final legislation is supported by all the major pro-life groups in Texas,” continued Perry. “This bill could not have passed without the unified efforts of the various stakeholders, my fellow legislators, and the leadership of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and House Author Rep. Geanie Morrison.”

“The final version of the bill encompasses many needed reforms to the judicial process available to minors seeking an abortion without involvement from their parents,” said Emily Kebodeaux of Texas Right to Life. “We appreciate the leadership that both Senator Perry and Representative Morrison have shown by getting this crucial legislation a vote in the final days of the session.”

“We are thrilled that the Senate has given preliminary approval to this bill to reform the judicial bypass,” said Joe Pojman, President of Texas Alliance for Life. “This bill restores the right of parents to protect their minor daughters from abortion. We commend Sen. Perry for his strong defense of this wonderful bill.”

The senate will give final approval to this measure on third reading tomorrow. If signed by Governor Greg Abbott, HB 3994 will become law on September 1, 2015.

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry's legislative agenda, please feel free to contact our office at 512-463-0128.

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