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LD 551 / HP0408

Original Title: An Act to Allow Recovery for Wrongful Death of Unborn Children. New Title: An Act to Allow Recovery for Wrongful Death of an Unborn Viable Fetus. Presented by Rep. Paradis of Augusta; Co-sponsored by Sen. Berube of Androscoggin, and Sen. Collins of Aroostook. Judiciary Hearing 04/13/89. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 06/13/89 (Minority ONTP). Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-429, SA/CA S-274. Enacted, Veto Sustained.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-429\) \(LD 551\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

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New law would give status to the unborn (Leighton, Kim) (Morning Sentinel, 4/13/1989) •
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2 bills heard focusing on the unborn (Quinn, Francis X.) (Kennebec Journal, 4/14/1989) •
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Broader wrongful death law urged (Associated Press) (Portland Evening Express, 4/14/1989)
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State panel mulls bill to give unborn legal status (Ellingwood, Kenneth) (Morning Sentinel, 5/18/1989) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: /LD05XX/nc114-LD-0551/SB114887.pdf)

Softened' bill may win support (Guy Gannett Service) (Portland Press Herald, 5/18/1989) •
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House moves towards giving fetuses legal life (Ellingwood, Kenneth) (Morning Sentinel, 5/22/1989) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: /LD05XX/nc114-LD-0551/SB114907.pdf)

House approves fetal rights bill (Ellingwood, Kenneth) (Kennebec Journal, 6/9/1989) •
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Senate OK's bill to allow damages in fetal death (Adams, Glenn) (Kennebec Journal, 6/14/1989) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: /LD05XX/nc114-LD-0551/SB1141004.pdf)

Dozens of bills receive final approval in House (Associated Press) (Bangor Daily News, 6/20/1989) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: /LD05XX/nc114-LD-0551/SB1141114.pdf)

McKernan vetoes bill on fetus-death rights (Ellingwood, Kenneth) (Morning Sentinel, 6/30/1989) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: /LD05XX/nc114-LD-0551/SB1141053.pdf)

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