

HB 19 / SB 1140 Abortion Provider Liability: Reactions in the Press

Sun Sentinel: When issue is abortion, Republicans drop principles

JAC WILDER VERSTEEG - FEB. 28, 2017

"The intent of this bill is obvious. Supporters want to make it harder for doctors to provide safe, legal abortions, which are a constitutional right in America... To accomplish that goal, they are willing to shift personal responsibility for decision-making about abortions to the doctor and away from the woman who decides to have an abortion. If she decides, many years after the abortion, that she regrets her decision, she would be encouraged, under this law, to belatedly find fault with her doctor.

Palm Beach Post: Florida abortion opponents turning lies into laws

AMY WEINTRAUB, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - FEB. 28, 2017

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Orlando Sentinel: Drop bill to intimidate, shutter, safe, law-abiding abortion providers

I. CORI BAILL - FEB. 17, 2017

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Fort Myers News-Press: Florida House bill a barrier to legal abortions

DR. SUJATHA PRABHAKARAN - FEB. 23, 2017

"Abortion is an incredibly safe and legal medical procedure — when it is legally accessible. The United States must serve as an example for freedom, access, and equality which is why I am pushing hard against HB 19 and all other politically motivated restrictions against reproductive health."

Orlando Sentinel: Florida Supreme Court blocks Mount Dora lawmaker's flawed abortion bill

LAUREN RITCHIE - FEB. 23, 2017

"State Rep. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, introduced a bill now moving through this year's session to allow a woman to sue a doctor for emotional distress up to 10 years after an abortion. Oh, for pity's sake. That's just another bill that presumes women aren't capable of knowing their own minds and can't judge for themselves whether to have a surgical procedure that is entirely voluntary."