

Action Alert

WOMEN'S ISSUES

HB462

[HB 462 - the mandatory ultrasound bill](#)- (as amended by Gov. McDonnell) is still alive and will be voted on by the full Senate on Tuesday, February 28; the amended HB462 was voted out of committee on February 23rd and passed by for the day on February 27.

Please [call and/or write your senator](#), ASAP and ask them to vote "NO" on HB462; this legislation [still] mandates a totally unnecessary medical procedure clearly designed to thwart women from having an abortion in Virginia.

Read on to understand why.

On Thursday (Feb. 23) , the House version of the ultrasound bill, [HB462](#), was heard in the Senate Ed & Health Committee. The bill was amended to reflect the governor's version of the bill and passed out of committee on an 8-7 vote. This put the bill on the floor of the Senate THIS WEEK. On Monday, the bill was passed by for the day and will be considered in the full Senate on Tuesday. [HB 462 - the mandatory ultrasound bill](#)-still mandates that a trans-abdominal ultrasound be performed prior to receiving an abortion. And, the amended HB462 still maintains all the other requirements of what must be seen in the ultrasound in order to determine the gestational stage of the fetus. This legislation adds to current law that an ultrasound be performed to determine the gestational stage of the fetus as part of the "informed consent material" that a woman must receive and acknowledge with her signature prior to having an abortion. Additionally, the amended bill still gives the doctor discretion to perform another procedure (like trans-vaginal ultrasound) in order to determine the gestational stage of the fetus (the trans-abdominal ultrasound cannot see the fetus in over 90% of abortions,) There is a civil penalty to doctors who do not provide "informed consent" that would include having an ultrasound performed, if this bill passes the Senate.

A Note on Sen. Vogel's SB464- this is the original "trans-vaginal ultrasound" bill that passed the Senate, was being considered in the House and was amended by the Governor last week: On Thursday (Feb. 23), the House of Delegates voted 65-32 approving [SB 484 amended](#) [by the Governor]. Then on Friday, Senator Jill Vogel asked that SB 484 be stricken from the Senate Calendar. The bill then died in the Senate. **Of course, the House bill is still alive and well as of this writing, as stated above.**

If you'd like to watch the floor sessions live, you can [stream here](#). The House and Senate sessions begin at noon most days.

Protest/March next Saturday March 3rd in Richmond at the Capitol and in front of the Governor's mansion, asking the Governor to veto ALL legislation limiting reproductive choice and access. This is a completely organic grassroots effort and you are encouraged to join them in your own way. For more information, here is the website link:

Saturday March 3. <https://www.facebook.com/events/184467261656818/>

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