

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Cert. No. 2017-132B

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

PENNSYLVANIA, SS:

I, Robert Torres, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That the attached document is a certified copy of the Governor's message returning Senate Bill 3 PN 283.



Witness my hand and the seal of my office this 19th
day of December 2017.

Robert Torres

Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

December 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

This legislation eliminates the right for women to make informed decisions regarding their health care and criminalizes medical procedures used by physicians in consultation with their patients. Further, the bill provides no exception for victims of rape or incest or for fetal anomalies incompatible with life, even though these anomalies may not be discovered until the fetus reaches 20 weeks.

This legislation is an extreme restriction on women and medical professionals and interferes with crucial decision-making between patients and their physicians. Physicians and their patients must be able to make choices about medical procedures based on best practices and standards of care. The prohibitions under this bill are not consistent with the fundamental rights vested by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wolf", with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

TOM WOLF
Governor