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of the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment: "... nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Many object to the Court's ruling as not much more than judicial activism or legislating from the bench, and the issue is far from being "constitutionally settled law."

Elizabeth Graham, the director for Texas Right to Life, testified on behalf of the bill, arguing that abortion is not healthcare. "The definition of health care is to make a person well and to encourage health," Graham said. "The definition of a successful abortion is the complete death of the unborn child."

Among the pro-life leaders applauding passage of the bill was Abby Johnson, the former director of a Texas Planned Parenthood abortion clinic who now speaks out in defense of mothers and unborn babies. "Just because abortion is legal does not mean that people who have significant moral concerns with the taking of innocent life — as they believe abortion does — need to pay for it through their health insurance," said Johnson. She added that while women can still obtain the murderous procedure in Texas, "those of us who believe it is the intentional ending of a human life shouldn't have to pay for it."

In addition to Texas, at least 10 other states have laws limiting private insurance coverage for abortion. Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Oklahoma ban tax dollars from paying for abortion insurance, except to protect a mother's life. Laws in Indiana and Utah add exemptions for rape and incest. In all states, individuals may purchase additional private "health" insurance that covers abortion.



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