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Texas Heartbeat Act—September 01, 2021



The Texas Heartbeat Act went into effect on September 01, 2021. Under the law, abortions are effectively banned after a fetal heartbeat is detected which usually occurs around six weeks gestation before many women even know they’re pregnant. The only exception to the Texas Heartbeat Act are abortions performed due to a medical emergency that endangers the life of the mother.

The law has the potential to save tens of thousands of lives. In 2019, more than 56,600 unborn babies were aborted in Texas, and about 85 percent happened after six weeks of pregnancy, according to state health statistics.

While Texas is not the first to sign a heartbeat bill into law, its approach is unique. The law is the first of its kind to place enforcement entirely in the hands of private citizens rather than the state to hopefully prevent legal challenges.

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What makes the law so unique is that “any person, other than an officer or employee of a state or local governmental entity” is allowed to sue anyone, with the exception of the woman seeking the abortion, who performs, attempts to perform, or aids and abets any abortion performed in violation of the law, in civil court for at least \$10,000 plus attorney fees for every abortion which violates this law. Multiple people would not be able to sue for the same abortion to prevent double jeopardy. However, the same person could sue for every single abortion performed, aided, or abetted in violation of this law, potentially winning \$10,000 plus court costs for each.

This approach makes it more difficult to block the law because there is not a single entity, such as the state, or person, who is necessarily responsible for enforcing the law.

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Update: October 15, 2021

For the third time since the Texas Heartbeat Act went into effect, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has sided with Texas, granting its request to keep its Heartbeat Law in place as the court case proceeds. In its one-page decision, the panel said it would expedite the appeal and schedule oral arguments. They did not say when.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton tweeted, “The Fifth Circuit has ruled on our side — a testament that we are on the right side of the law and life. I’ll continue to fight back against the Biden Administration’s lawless overreach.”

In contrast, Brigitte Amiri, deputy director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, said, “We hope the Department of Justice urgently appeals this order to the Supreme Court to restore Texans’ ability to obtain abortion care after six weeks in pregnancy.”

Just prior to the court’s decision, a coalition of 18 attorneys general filed a brief late Wednesday in support of Texas S.B.8., accusing the Biden Administration of overstepping by bringing the challenge. “The Attorney General has no authority to act as a roving reviser of state law, challenging as unconstitutional any rule with which he disagrees,” Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita told the appeals court. The coalition includes Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and West Virginia.

Excerpts taken from *Pregnancy Help News*.

Except for a brief two day window after Federal Judge Robert Pitman in Austin put it on hold, Texas’s Heartbeat Law has been in effect since September 1st. Please pray with us that the Texas Heartbeat Act stays in force to protect the unborn.

Cooler weather is on the way... Help us to be prepared

One of the things we do at BPRC is to provide free clothing to our client’s children. A new season is quickly approaching and our boutique is mostly empty of winter clothing.

We depend on the generosity of this community to fill our boutique. It’s a good time to clean out those closets - babies grow so fast.

We are also low on diapers sizes 6 and 7. Recently we were informed there is a shortage of baby formula, so we need to stock up on that as well.

A list is below for your consideration:

- Winter coats - newborn to 4T
- All other winter clothing - Preemie to 4T
- Diapers - sizes 6 and 7
- Infant formula - Similac, any variety



Donations may be dropped off at our center located at 2007 N Main Street (inside Faith Baptist Church)

*As always, we are so grateful
for your support!*

BPRC is Partnering with Bastrop High School



Our Director of Development, Catina White-Higgins, and our Director of Operations, Amanda Hewitt have begun weekly visits to Bastrop High School.

Catina and Amanda are meeting weekly with soon-to-be teen parents. They are providing emotional support, and have begun holding educational training classes which include pregnancy and birth, parenting, fatherhood, and healthy relationships.

By taking these classes the teens will earn “Baby Bucks” to shop in our boutique for materials for their children. We have cribs, bassinets, car seats, clothing and more. Our goal is not to only aid these teens with material items, but to also help them build the confidence they need to become strong parents.

They’ve made the right choice in “Choosing Life” for their children.

Annual Care Net Conference

In late August our Directors, Amanda Hewitt and Catina White-Higgins, attended the annual Care Net conference. Women from all over the United States attend to receive beneficial training and encouragement, and they develop deep bonds with their fellow directors.

Amanda—The Care Net Conference was an amazing experience! There is something about walking into a place and instantly having a connection to others. The worship was beautiful, the classes were informative and refreshing, the people were welcoming, and the speakers were phenomenal. My favorite part was meeting and having a conversation with Abby Johnson. It made my first-time experience that much better.

Catina—Care Net 2021 was amazing! I learned a wealth of information about fundraising and development. Every class was filled with relevant information that I know will benefit our organization! I am excited to implement what I’ve learned.



Left to right, Amanda Hewitt, Abby Johnson, Catina White-Higgins

Bottles for Babies...Your Change, Changes Lives

Would you like to do something fun and rewarding? Consider bringing a “Bottles for Babies” campaign to your church or business. One of our Directors would be honored to have the opportunity to visit your church or business to share what Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center is all about, and ways we serve this community.

Here’s how it works:

- * A Director of BPRC will meet with the Pastor, Missions Board, or Business Owner to explain the process.
- * A day and time of your choosing would be set up to present to your group and kick off the campaign.
- * BPRC will furnish the baby bottles to be filled.
- * You would pick a date for everyone to return their baby bottles to your church or business.
- * We’ll be happy to pick the baby bottles up when your campaign is completed.

It’s amazing how quickly change adds up!

All of us at BPRC prayerfully thank you for your consideration!



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This year's tournament was filled with lots of fun and purpose!

We spent the day with amazing people who share our love for life.

Because of your generous spirit we raised \$20,200!

These funds will help significantly in continuing our mission to protect the lives of the unborn.

Congratulations
to the
First Place Team

Bobby Browne
Benton Eskew
Robert Gadjisek
Justin Orsak



Congratulations
to the
Second Place Team
(photo not available)

Shawn Juarez
Suggie Juarez
Darold Morris
Tom Holstad



Congratulations
to the
Third Place Team

Jason Trowbridge
Don Lafaitte
Cliff Beveridge
Aaron Janice

Photos: left to right



BPRC Staff and Board Members
 Mary Ann Green, Wren Wickliffe, Catina White-Higgins, Amanda Hewitt, Max Bricka, Jerry Ritchie



Mary Ann Green (pictured right) Thank you for being a faithful advocate for life. Mary Ann has been a BPRC Board member since our inception in 2009.



David Wills "Mr. Texas"—David is a representative of Krank Golf. Thank You David for providing a lot of excitement and great prizes to our tournament.

Become a Volunteer at BPRC You Can Make a Difference!



Email: admin@bastropprc.org
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Office Hrs: 8—5 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
11—7 Tuesday
Client Hrs: 9—3 Monday
3—6 Tuesday
9—12 Wednesday, Thursday

Client Visit Statistics 2021, 3rd Quarter

73	Client Visits
34	Individual Classes Taken
16	Pregnancy Tests Given
50	Visits to the Boutique
524	Boutique Items Given

Call us for more information at 512-409-3400,
or visit our website at bastropprc.org. There is a place for you!
We cherish our volunteers and invite you to join us in this wonderful ministry.



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Thank You!
