

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
No. 1:23-cv-480**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD SOUTH
ATLANTIC; BEVERLY GRAY, M.D., on
behalf of themselves and their patients seeking
abortions,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSHUA H. STEIN, Attorney General of
North Carolina, in his official
capacity; et al.

Defendants,

and

PHILIP E. BERGER, President Pro Tempore
of the North Carolina Senate, in his official
capacity; and TIMOTHY K. MOORE, Speaker
of the North Carolina State House, in his
official capacity.

Intervenor-Defendants.

JOINT STIPULATION

On June 16, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a complaint alleging that various provisions of N.C. Sess. L. 2023-14 (S.B. 20) are impermissibly vague and lack a rational basis, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause. Among the challenged provisions are (1) N.C. Sess. L. 2023-14, § 1.2, as amended by H. 190 (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.81A(a)), which makes it “unlawful after the twelfth week of a woman’s pregnancy to procure or cause a miscarriage or abortion”; and (2) N.C. Sess. L. 2023-14, § 2.1 (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.82A(c)), which requires that abortions performed after the twelfth week

of pregnancy be performed in a hospital (the hospitalization requirement).

On June 21, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction (DE 11, 12) (“Plaintiffs’ Motion”) seeking to block the entirety of Part I and the hospitalization requirement of Part II.

On June 28, 2023, after briefing was complete, this Court held a hearing on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Temporary Restraining Order.

All Defendants and Intervenors hereby stipulate and agree that none of the provisions in Senate Bill 20 (Session Law 2023-14), codified in Article 1I of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, impose civil, criminal, or professional liability on an individual who advises, procures, causes, or otherwise assists someone in obtaining a lawful out-of-state abortion. For the avoidance of doubt, this stipulation means that advising, procuring, causing, or otherwise assisting someone in obtaining a lawful out-of-state abortion is not a criminal offense under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-23.2.

All Defendants and Intervenors further stipulate and agree that any recent change in law dealing with a hospitalization for a victim of rape or incest seeking an abortion after 12 weeks (N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-21.81B(3)), 90-21.82A(c)), will not take effect until October 1, 2023. Therefore, until that date, a qualified physician may perform an abortion after the twelfth week and through the twentieth week of a woman's pregnancy when the procedure is performed in a licensed abortion clinic and when the woman's pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of June, 2023.

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