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Feigenholtz Legislation Protecting a Woman's Right to Choose in Illinois Clears Committee Hurdle

Springfield, Ill. – Legislation sponsored by State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, protecting a women's right to choose by striking the dangerous "trigger" language in the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 advanced out of committee today on a 7-to-5 vote along party lines. House Bill 40 will help ensure abortion remains safe and legal in Illinois regardless of potential federal efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"By removing the anti-choice trigger language and updating the original 1975 act, the general assembly is making a strong affirmative statement that access to safe legal abortion will remain protected in Illinois," said Feigenholtz.

"After repeated threats from the White House and President Trump's remarks to strip abortion rights away from women, this legislation is necessary to safeguard a woman's right to make decisions that affect her personal health in Illinois," said Feigenholtz.

Feigenholtz has been a champion of women's health during her time in the General Assembly. The bill also removes discriminatory provisions from Illinois law that denies insurance coverage of an abortion to many women who depend on Medicaid and State Employee Health Insurance.

"It's clear our new president has little regard for women's rights and independence. We can no longer assume that our rights will be protected in Washington. We must act to safeguard those rights here at home, and HB40 does that," said Brigid Leahy, Director of Public Policy for Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

If passed, Illinois would join 15 other states that provide women with health assistance funds that cover the full range of pregnancy-related care including a woman's decision to end a pregnancy.

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