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Raleigh, NC – On October 14th, Planned Parenthood posted [this video](#) on YouTube ominously claiming that the Governor is stockpiling women’s sonograms in his filing cabinet in Raleigh. The actual facts of [House Bill 465](#), “Women and Children’s Protection Act of 2015,” are shown below. Planned Parenthood’s claim is nonsense.

The ad refers to Section 7.(a) of HB 465 which amended G.S. 14-45.1 to add subsection (b1) to state law requiring the doctor performing an abortion (who has to report anyway) to send the ultrasound for abortions performed AFTER the 16th week to North Carolina’s Department of Health and Human Services. It is for statistical purposes only. The woman's name and identifying information are not even on it. Here is the actual text of the law:

“(b1) A qualified physician who advises, procures, or causes a miscarriage or abortion after the sixteenth week of a woman’s pregnancy shall record all of the following: the method used by the qualified physician to determine the probable gestational age of the unborn child at the time the procedure is to be performed; the results of the methodology, including the measurements of the unborn child; and an ultrasound image of the unborn child that depicts the measurements. The qualified physician shall provide this information, including the ultrasound image, to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to G.S. 14-45.1(c).”

“A qualified physician who procures or causes a miscarriage or abortion after the twentieth week of a woman's pregnancy shall record the findings and analysis on which the qualified physician based the determination that there existed a medical emergency as defined by G.S. 90-21.81(5) and shall provide that information to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to G.S. 14-45.1(c). Materials generated by the physician or provided by the physician to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to this section shall not be public records under G.S. 132-1.

“The information provided under this subsection shall be for statistical purposes only, and the confidentiality of the patient and the physician shall be protected. It is the duty of the qualified physician to submit information to the Department of Health and Human Services that omits identifying information of the patient and complies with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).” (emphasis added)

The obvious reason for the provision is to keep clinics from cheating on their gestational reports, either to evade the 20-week limit or to try to charge more for a later term abortion that actually didn’t qualify. For further information, call Paul Stam at 919-362-8873.

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