



Testimony
House Rules Committee

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[HB 404](#)

Abortion; use of public funds prohibited

The League of Women Voters strongly opposes this cruel bill, which would remove public funding for abortions either in the case of rape, or if a physician certifies in writing that he believes the fetus will be born with a gross and totally incapacitating physical deformity or with a gross and totally incapacitating mental deficiency. A recent study published in the medical journal JAMA found an estimated 519,981 rapes associated with 64,565 pregnancies in states that ban abortion after conception during the four to 18 months after the bans went into effect. Of those pregnancies, 58,979 occurred in states with no exception for rape. Do you really want Virginia to be part of those statistics? We urge you to vote No on this bill.