June 27, 2011

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 854, “An Act to Require a Twenty-Four Hour Waiting Period and the Informed Consent of a Pregnant Woman Before an Abortion May Be Performed”

This bill is a dangerous intrusion into the confidential relationship that exists between women and their doctors. The bill contains provisions that are the most extreme in the nation in terms of interfering with that relationship. Physicians must be free to advise and treat their patients based on their medical knowledge and expertise and not have their advice overridden by elected officials seeking to impose their own ideological agenda on others.

Therefore, I veto this bill.

Beverly Eaves Perdue

This bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this 27th day of June, 2011, at 4:57 pm for reconsideration by that body.