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**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE OVERRIDES GOVERNOR'S VETO  
AND BECOMES THIRD STATE TO PASS  
UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT**

On Thursday, March 10, the West Virginia Senate voted 25-9 and the House of Delegates voted 85-15 to override Governor Earl Ray Tomblin's veto of the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (SB 10), making West Virginia the third state to pass this historic legislation. The bill, which earlier had passed 24-9 in the Senate (2/17/16) and 86-13 in the House (2/29/16), was vetoed on Wednesday, March 9, by Governor Tomblin based on misguided advice about the constitutionality of the bill.

Karen Cross, legislative coordinator for West Virginians for Life (WVFL) said, "We at West Virginians for Life were not surprised with Governor Tomblin's veto of the dismemberment abortion ban because this is his third veto of pro-life legislation in as many years. What did surprise us is that despite a huge bipartisan majority in both houses, Governor Tomblin vetoed legislation that simply says we won't dismember a living, fully formed unborn child by removing her limb from limb while she's alive."

WVFL President Wanda Franz commented, "We are extremely grateful for the pro-life leadership and legislators who voted to override the Governor's veto, therefore voting to protect West Virginia's unborn children from this barbaric dismemberment procedure."

The bill garnered 100% support from women senators and 83% from women delegates.

If the dismemberment ban is challenged in court, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has said he will defend the law.

The bill will take effect 90 days from its passage on February 29.

*West Virginians for Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the state's largest pro-life group with more than 35 local pro-life chapters. West Virginians for Life works through education, legislation and political action to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.*

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