

Veto No. 2017-3

SB 3

December 18, 2017

To the Honorable Senate of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

This legislation eliminates the right for women to make informed decisions regarding their health care and criminalizes medical procedures used by physicians in consultation with their patients. Further, the bill provides no exception for victims of rape or incest or for fetal anomalies incompatible with life, even though these anomalies may not be discovered until the fetus reaches 20 weeks.

This legislation is an extreme restriction on women and medical professionals and interferes with crucial decision-making between patients and their physicians. Physicians and their patients must be able to make choices about medical procedures based on best practices and standards of care. The prohibitions under this bill are not consistent with the fundamental rights vested by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 3, Printer's Number 283.

TOM WOLF