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Oklahoma gov. holds signing ceremony for 9 pro-life laws, including heartbeat bill

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Governor Kevin Stitt (R-OK)

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OKLAHOMA ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Governor Kevin Stitt of Oklahoma celebrated nine new pro-life laws with a ceremonial bill signing on Thursday.

Throughout the 2021 session, the Stitt signed into law a series of laws to restrict abortion and to protect the lives of unborn children.

About the pro-life direction of his state, Governor Stitt said, ““I promised Oklahomans I would sign every piece of pro-life legislation that came across my desk and I am proud to keep that promise. As a father of six, it’s an honor to be the most pro-life governor in the country and I will always step up to protect the lives of unborn children.”

Stitt signed a [heartbeat bill](#) in April, and it is set to come into effect on November 1. The bill, which is called [House Bill 2441](#) states that: “No person shall perform or induce an abortion upon a pregnant woman without first detecting whether or not her unborn child has a heartbeat. No person shall perform or induce an abortion upon a pregnant woman after such time as her unborn child has been determined to have a detectable heartbeat[.]”

The bill allows exceptions relating to the health, but not to the “psychological or emotional conditions,” of the mother.

Besides HB 2441, the other [eight](#) pro-life laws signed by Governor Stitt include:

- SB 918, which restores Oklahoma’s prohibition of abortion if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Effective November 1, 2021.
- HB 1102 adds committing an abortion to state statutes for “unprofessional conduct,” with exceptions for the life or significant physical impairment of the mother. Effective November 1, 2021.
- HB 1904 requires abortionists to be board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. Effective November 1, 2021. (This is significant as often abortion-inducing drugs are provided by people who aren’t medical doctors).
- SB 778 and SB 779 further restrict use of abortion drugs. Effective November 1, 2021.
- SB 960 protects relinquished children by extending the time frame they can be relinquished to rescuers from seven to 30 days. It also directs the Oklahoma State Department of Health to award grants for the child to be placed into a “Baby Box” where the newborn can be relinquished. Effective July 1, 2021.
- SB 647 created Lily’s Law. Lily’s Law requires birthing centers and other medical facilities to keep a written policy to allow for the family to direct the disposition of the remains of the child who was stillborn or miscarried. Effective November 1, 2021.

- SB 584 prohibits fetal trafficking. Effective July 1, 2021.

Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser joined Governor Stitt at the ceremonial signing and voiced her support for the governor. She stated, “Governor Stitt has kept his promise to sign every piece of pro-life legislation that reaches his desk. He is at the forefront of nationwide momentum to challenge the status quo and modernize our extreme abortion laws. Across the nation, pro-life governors are taking bold action to ensure that state laws reflect the will of their constituents and the clear science showing the humanity of unborn children.”

“As radical Democrats in Washington push abortion on demand through birth, paid for by taxpayers, and seek to expand dangerous abortion drugs, strong pro-life leaders in statehouses are critically important – and they are stepping up like never before. Life is winning in Oklahoma and across America.”

Several Republican state politicians voiced their support for Stitt and his pro-life record, including Senator Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) who said, “It is a particular honor to join my colleagues in passing legislation to protect the lives of our unborn children. It’s the most important work I do as a legislator.”

Governor Stitt recently joined 11 other pro-life governors in submitting an amicus brief supporting Mississippi in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* late-term abortion case, calling on the Supreme Court to return abortion law to the states.

Stitt’s ceremonial signing came just a week after the landmark Texas Heartbeat Act came into effect in Texas on September 1. The Texas law effectively bans most abortions, making it illegal to perform the procedure when an infant heartbeat is detected; usually no later than six-weeks gestation.

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