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Senate supports bill to broaden definition of “another” for criminal offenses

Concord, NH – Today the Senate agreed to modify the definition of “another” when referring to certain criminal offences to include a viable fetus or a fetus capable of living outside of the womb when charges of first, and second degree murder, manslaughter, negligent homicide or causing or aiding suicide are brought in a case.

“The Senate Judiciary committee heard compelling testimony from a pregnant woman who was involved in a horrific automobile accident, tragically killing her child who was two weeks past due,” said Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry).

“The Senate rightly supported this simple, yet necessary change to protect New Hampshire families and ultimately provide closure in the event of such an unfortunate loss,” continued Carson.

“I commend and thank my senate colleagues for recognizing and supporting this important piece of legislation,” said Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead).

“By making this small change to the law, pregnant women who fall victim to a criminal act resulting in the unintended or unwanted death of an unborn child at viability are able to seek the appropriate criminal charges for their unborn child. Mothers and families deserve to have the closure that this change provides when faced with a tragedy of this nature. “

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