

Abortion Measure Approved

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ALBANY, N.Y. —The New York State Assembly Thursday narrowly approved a measure which removes virtually all restrictions on abortion.

After nearly four hours of anguished debate, the lawmakers cast roll call ballots and the measure drew the bare minimum for passage—76 affirmative votes from the 150 member body.

The measure would permit an abortion to be performed by a physician within 24 weeks from conception with the consent of the mother.

After that date, abortions may be performed only when necessary to save the life of the mother. This is the only standard under which abortions now are allowed—a standard that has withstood challenge for almost a century.

Approval of the bill, an amended version of one passed in the Senate, came on the second try. It was defeated by three votes a week ago. The bill must now have the concurrence of the senate, then be signed by the governor before becoming law.