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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Major Abortion Decision]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Breaking overnight. A purple swing state imposes new limits on abortion.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; North Carolina Upholds Restrictive Abortion Bill; Lawmakers Override Governor's Veto of 12-Week Ban]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Now to the news overnight about abortion laws in North Carolina. And the new restrictions. Faith Abubey has the latest for us. Good morning, Faith.

FAITH ABUBEY: Hey, good morning to you, Robin. A major blow to abortion rights advocates in North Carolina. Overnight, the Republican-led legislature approving new restrictions on abortions, overriding the veto by the state's Democratic governor, Roy Cooper. Now, the bill is called the Care for Women, Children and Families Act, and it generally reduces abortion access from 20 weeks currently to 12 weeks once the law goes into effect on July 1. There are some exceptions. For example, in cases of rape or incest, a person will have up to 20 weeks for an abortion and, for fetal anomalies, up to 24 weeks. Abortions are also allowed where the pregnant person's life might be in danger. The rules require people seeking care to have in-person consultations outlining potential risks and other available options to them before they get an abortion. Doctors who violate the new bill could face fines, probation, or even have their licenses revoked. And, since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last summer, George, 15 states have made almost all abortion services illegal. George?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Okay, Faith, thanks.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Major Decision About Limits on Abortion]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Breaking overnight. A purple swing state imposes new limits on abortion.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; North Carolina Upholds Restrictive Abortion Bill; Lawmakers Override Governor's Veto of 12-Week Ban]

ROBERTS: And, George, now to the rules overnight about abortion laws in North Carolina and the new restrictions. Faith is back with that. Good morning, again, Faith.

ABUBEY: Hey, good morning to you, Robin. There were loud boos and chants in the North Carolina capitol overnight as the Republican-led legislature approved the new restrictions on abortions, which essentially nullifies a veto by the state's Democratic governor, Roy Cooper. The law goes into effect on July 1. And it reduces abortion access in the state from 20 weeks currently down to 12 weeks. There are some exceptions, however, for rape or incest or in cases where the pregnant person's life might be in danger. Doctors who violate the new law could face fines, probation, or even have their licenses revoked. Another notable detail in this law requires the father of the fetus to help raise the child even if that father offered to pay for the abortion. The North Carolina law is part of a new wave since last summer after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. And, Michael, since then, 15 states have made almost all abortion services illegal. Michael?

MICHAEL STRAHAN: All right. Thank you so much for that, Faith.