



LD 1619



An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws (Governor's Bill)

Sponsor: Governor Mills, House Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross, Senate President Troy Jackson

Description:

This bill updates Maine's Reproductive Privacy Act. The three core changes include:

- Data Collection
- Remove criminal code
- Remove gestational ban

Recommended Actions:

- Reach out to your legislators to urge them to support this bill.
- Send a note of thanks to the sponsors for their courage in standing behind this bill.

Talking Points:

Criminal Code:

- This aspect of the law could be used to criminalize people assisting someone with self-managing their abortion using pills.
- Criminalization does not make abortion safer.

Data Collection: Some of the data collection questions are antiquated and changes will improve patient privacy protections.

Removing Gestational Ban:

- Pregnant Mainers, in consultation with qualified healthcare providers, know what is best for their health, families & futures.
- Mainers who need to terminate pregnancies at or beyond 24 weeks of gestation should not be forced to travel out of state, at great financial and personal expense, to receive care.
- People ending pregnancies in the 2nd & 3rd trimesters need support, not judgment and logistical barriers.

LD 1343



An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation

Sponsor: Rep. Supica (Bangor)

Description:

This bill provides the entire field of legislation concerning abortion is occupied and preempted by the State.

Talking Points:

- This bill is designed to protect abortion access against potential localized attempts by anti-abortion activists to pass resolutions that declare a town or municipality as a "sanctuary city for the unborn". It does this by upholding state abortion law as the only laws capable of governing abortion.

To urge the bill to be moved to a vote, reach out to members of the Judiciary committee.

- Senator Anne Carney, Chair
- Senator Donna Bailey
- Senator Eric Brakey
- Representative Matt Moonen, Chair
- Representative John Andrews
- Representative Aaron Dana
- Representative David Haggan
- Representative Rachel Henderson
- Representative Amy Kuhn
- Representative Adam Lee
- Representative Stephen Moriarty
- Representative Jennifer Poirier
- Representative Lois Reckitt
- Representative Erin Sheehan

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LD 935



An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance

Sponsor: Rep. Moonen (Portland)

Description:

This bill prohibits a Maine health insurance plan from imposing any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of abortion services. If passed, the bill will apply to coverage in effect as of January 1st, 2024.

Talking Points:

- LD 935 completes the advances begun in 2019 when Maine's legislature passed LD 820.
- Mainers with private insurance (especially high deductible plans) are subject to copays, deductibles & coinsurance for abortion care.
- LD 935 levels the playing field on abortion access and lifts the burden of financing off the backs of patients during a time of record inflation and rising costs of goods and services.



LD 616



An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services

Sponsor: Rep. Kuhn (Falmouth)

Description:

This bill prohibits an insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in Maine from taking any adverse action against a healthcare professional that provides abortion or other reproductive health care services on the sole basis that a healthcare professional is acting in violation of another state's law or a revocation or other adverse action against a health care professional's license in another state.

Talking Points:

- This bill would provide some measure of legal protection for abortion providers who serve patients traveling to Maine from a state where abortion is banned or severely limited.
- In meeting the needs of abortion seekers, medical providers should not have to worry about malpractice suits simply for carrying out their professional oaths and duties.



LD 263



An Act to Ensure Access to Health Care

Sponsor: Rep. Sachs (Freeport)

Description:

This bill would ensure that access to health care services, including, but not limited to, screenings and treatments, is not diminished during or because of healthcare mergers and acquisitions.

Talking Points:

- This bill is currently a concept draft and specific language will be released at a later date.
- Religious ideology should not determine the accessibility of a full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care that Mainers can receive in the communities in which they live.

To urge these bills to move out of committee, reach out to members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services (HCIFS).

- Senator Donna Bailey, Chair
- Senator Eric Brakey
- Senator Cameron Reny
- Representative Anne Perry, Chair
- Representative Poppy Arford
- Representative Sally Cluchey
- Representative Scott Cyrway
- Representative Ann-Marie Mastraccio
- Representative Kristi Mathieson
- Representative Joshua Morris
- Representative Robert Nutting
- Representative Jane Pringle
- Representative Gregg Swallow

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