

What does the "Reproductive Freedom Amendment" mean?

ARTICLE I BILL OF RIGHTS

* Constitutional amendment:
can only be undone by
another amendment

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

Age is not specified; includes minors, negating parental consent.

Abortion throughout all three trimesters.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

The only compelling interest is the life of the mother, not the preborn child.

Sidewalk counselors could be restricted or arrested for breaking bubble zones; Doctors potentially barred or receive disciplinary action from discouraging abortion.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

Abortion allowed into the third trimester, requiring approval of only one physician: the abortionist.

Any physical or mental health condition can be used to justify an abortion.

No indication of protection or provision of life-sustaining measures for infants born alive during later abortions.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

Broad, vague language only allows protections and enforcement in favor of the abortion industry.

Protects any individual involved in or encouraging abortion against minors'/individuals' consent without limitation: pedophiles, sex traffickers, abusers

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

Allows no recourse for gross negligence or willful misconduct from medical professionals providing abortions that result in complications: infertility, death, mental health concerns

Only the life of the mother is taken into consideration. Any physical or mental health condition can constitute necessity for abortion.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

Any health and safety regulation, law, or action must be considered secondary to the ability to make a decision about accessing the right to abortion.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

THIS AMENDMENT WOULD:

1. Allow third-trimester abortion on healthy, viable babies.
2. Eliminate parental consent for minors to receive abortions.
3. Open the door for taxpayer-funded abortion.