Tennessee

TRIGGER BAN: Tennessee has a trigger law to ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

Severely Restricted Access

ACCESS FACT: 63% of Tennessee women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

Political Information

EXECUTIVE

Governor Bill Lee (R) opposes reproductive freedom.

LEGISLATURE

The Tennessee Senate opposes reproductive freedom. The Tennessee House opposes reproductive freedom.

Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

PROTECTIONS

NO - The Tennessee state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.

NO - Tennessee does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

BANS

NO - Tennessee does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

YES - Tennessee unconstitutionally bans abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of Roe v. Wade.

YES - Tennessee bans abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

NO - Tennessee does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion services.

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

YES - Tennessee subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

YES - Tennessee subjects pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements and/or mandatory waiting periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

YES - Tennessee restricts young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental consent.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

NO - Tennessee has not improved people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

NO - Tennessee law does not protect people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE

Prescription Guarantees

NO - Tennessee does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

Healthcare Refusals

YES - Tennessee allows certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

NO - Tennessee does not prohibit some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling and/or referring for abortion.

Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

NO - Tennessee law does not guarantee expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

NO - Tennessee has not expanded coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - Tennessee expressly prohibits abortion coverage in all or some of the private insurance market.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - Tennessee restricts low-income people's access to abortion.

COLOR KEY: Reproductive Freedom Shows Mixed Support for Reproductive Freedom Expands Reproductive Freedom

While these laws remain on the books, some have been temporarily or permanently blocked. For more information, please see Fast Facts.

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