

HOUSE BILL NO. 5179

October 31, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Pagan, Kennedy, Sneller, Stone, Brixie, Ellison, Lasinski, Cherry, Hope, Haadsma, Wittenberg, Cynthia Johnson, Bolden, Manoogian, Hoadley, Guerra, Liberati, Clemente, Koleszar, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Kuppa, Hammoud, Anthony, Garza, Shannon, Gay-Dagnogo, Camilleri, Greig, Neeley, Peterson, Sabo, Chirkun, Pohutsky, Hood, Sowerby, Yancey, Cambensy, Hertel, Robinson, Tate, Warren, Rabhi, Coleman, LaGrand, Byrd, Jones and Love and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to establish certain rights related to abortion and reproductive health; to regulate the performance of abortions under certain circumstances; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "reproductive health act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Abortion" means the intentional use of an instrument,
5 drug, or other substance or device to terminate an individual's



1 pregnancy for a purpose other than to increase the probability of a
 2 live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live
 3 birth, or to remove a fetus that has died as a result of natural
 4 causes, accidental trauma, or a criminal assault on the pregnant
 5 individual. Abortion does not include the use or prescription of a
 6 drug or device that prevents pregnancy, including by preventing the
 7 implantation of an embryo.

8 (b) "Fetal viability" means that, in the good-faith
 9 professional judgment of an attending health care professional and
 10 based on the particular facts of the case before that health care
 11 professional, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's
 12 sustained survival outside of the uterus without the application of
 13 extraordinary medical measures.

14 (c) "Local unit of government" means any political subdivision
 15 of this state, including, but not limited to, school districts,
 16 community and junior colleges, state universities, cities,
 17 villages, townships, charter townships, counties, charter counties,
 18 authorities created by the state, and authorities created by other
 19 local units of government.

20 (d) "Pregnancy" means the human reproductive process,
 21 beginning with the implantation of an embryo.

22 Sec. 5. (1) An individual, including an individual under state
 23 control and supervision, has the following fundamental rights:

24 (a) The fundamental right to choose or refuse contraception or
 25 sterilization.

26 (b) If the individual becomes pregnant, the fundamental right
 27 to carry the pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to
 28 have an abortion before fetal viability or at anytime if, in the
 29 professional judgement of a health care professional, an abortion



1 is necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant
2 individual.

3 (2) This state shall not, deny, interfere with, or
4 discriminate against a right described in subsection (1) in
5 regulating or providing a benefit, a facility, a service, or
6 information.

7 Sec. 7. A health care professional, if within his or her scope
8 of practice, may perform an abortion before fetal viability. If the
9 health care professional determines that there is fetal viability,
10 the health care professional may perform an abortion only if, in
11 the professional judgment of the health care professional, the
12 abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant
13 individual.

14 Sec. 9. This state shall not prosecute, punish, or otherwise
15 deprive a pregnant individual of a right for an act or failure to
16 act by the individual during the individual's pregnancy, if the
17 predominant basis for the prosecution, punishment, or deprivation
18 of the right is the potential, actual, or perceived impact on any
19 of the following:

20 (a) The individual's pregnancy or the pregnancy's outcome.

21 (b) The individual's own health.

22 Sec. 11. (1) A person alleging a violation of this act,
23 including a violation committed by this state, may bring a civil
24 action for appropriate injunctive relief or damages, or both, in
25 the appropriate state or federal court.

26 (2) A court shall award reasonable costs and attorney fees to
27 a plaintiff who prevails in an action brought under this section.

28 Sec. 13. A local unit of government may regulate abortion and
29 reproductive health, but only in a manner that provides greater



1 protections regarding abortion and reproductive health than are
2 provided for in this act.

3 Enacting section 1. The following acts and parts of acts are
4 repealed:

5 (a) Sections 14, 40, and 90h of the Michigan penal code, 1931
6 PA 328, MCL 750.14, 750.40, and 750.90h.

7 (b) The legal birth definition act, 2004 PA 135, MCL 333.1081
8 to 333.1085.

9 (c) Sections 17014, 17015, 17015a, 17016, 17017, 17515, 17516,
10 17517, and 20115 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
11 333.17014, 333.17015, 333.17015a, 333.17016, 333.17017, 333.17515,
12 333.17516, 333.17517, and 333.20115.

13 (d) The parental rights restoration act, 1990 PA 211, MCL
14 722.901 to 722.908.

15 (e) Section 1 of 2002 PA 360, MCL 333.1091.

16 (f) The abortion insurance opt-out act, 2013 PA 182, MCL
17 550.541 to 550.551.

18 Enacting section 2. This act takes effect 90 days after the
19 date it is enacted into law.

20 Enacting section 3. This act applies to every state law,
21 ordinance, policy, procedure, practice, and government action in
22 existence on or after the effective date of this act.

23 Enacting section 4. This act does not take effect unless all
24 of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are enacted into
25 law:

26 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5180 (request no.
27 03569'19 a).

28 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5181 (request no.
29 03569'19 b).



1 (c) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5182 (request no.
2 03569'19 c).

3 (d) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5183 (request no.
4 03569'19 d).

5 (e) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5184 (request no.
6 03569'19 e).

7 (f) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5185 (request no.
8 03569'19 f).

