

House Bill 2321 (Amendment 1) amends the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act to revoke the benefits of the evidence-based regulatory system created and enforced by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) under which abortion facilities have been safely and effectively regulated for the past 20 years. House Bill 2321 (Amendment 1) will single out abortion facilities for special and excessive regulation at significant cost and will decrease access to abortion services in Illinois.

Facilities that specialize in abortion care are subject to extensive regulation tailored to patient health and safety. The current system is working to protect health and safety. No harms have been identified.

- IDPH licenses and regulates ambulatory surgical treatment centers (ASTCs), including those that offer abortions, under an extensive regulatory system tailored to patient health and safety, that is tied to science and not ideology.
- HB 2321 (Amendment 1) will single out abortion for special, excessive regulation designed to increase the burden of providing and obtaining abortion care.
- HB 2321 (Amendment 1) will impose costly and burdensome regulatory obligations on an already taxed state government for no reason.
- IDPH has, for decades, safely and effectively regulated under the existing system of regulation that is based on published data and the standards and guidelines of professional medical and health organizations and tailored to patient health and safety. HB 2321 (Amendment 1) will not improve patient care but instead is designed to decrease access to abortions in Illinois.

HB 2321 (Amendment 1) disregards the Illinois Department of Public Health's evidence-based system for regulating abortion facilities and will reduce access to abortion in Illinois.

- IDPH has effectively regulated under the present regulatory scheme for twenty years. There is no medical reason to change it now.
- HB 2321 (Amendment 1) is contrary to the expert medical evidence that supports the longstanding federal Decree in *Ragsdale v. Turnock* and that comports with the constitutional standards protecting patient autonomy in making health care decisions.
- The federal courts already have held that the regulations imposed by HB 2321 (Amendment 1) would force health care providers to build the “functional equivalent of small hospitals” before providing abortion care – including non-surgical, medication abortions.
- 92 percent of Illinois counties already have no abortion provider. By imposing costly and unnecessary regulations, HB 2321 (Amendment 1) will force many to stop offering this critical care, to the great detriment of the women in Illinois.