

House Bill 4117 targets facilities in which abortions are performed for excessive and unnecessary regulation in an effort to shut down women's health care in Illinois.

- Under House Bill 4117, nearly every facility in which abortions are provided – even non-surgical abortions – will have to be the functional equivalent of a small hospital.
- No other procedure in the state is regulated in this way.
- Doctors safely provide many surgical procedures in their offices and outpatient facilities, but House Bill 4117 would only affect abortion procedures.
- There is no reason – other than playing politics with women's lives – to single abortion out for excessive regulation.
- House Bill 4117's requirements are not necessary for the safe provision of abortion care.
- Surgical abortion is one of the safest surgical procedures performed today.
- The proponents of this bill are not medical experts; they are pursuing a political agenda to shut down abortion care in Illinois – and with it much other essential women's health care.

House Bill 4117 amends the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act (ASTC) to revoke the benefits of the evidence-based regulatory system created and enforced by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

- IDPH licenses and regulates ASTCs, including those that offer abortions, under an extensive regulatory system tailored to patient health and safety.
- House Bill 4117 imposes unnecessary and costly regulatory obligations on an already taxed state government.
- House Bill 4117 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 excessive cost of complying with House Bill 4117 will force many health care facilities in Illinois to shut down, depriving women of access to abortion care as well as other essential medical care provided in the same settings.