A LOOK AT 10 YEARS OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM IN THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND INFORMATION

PATIENT AND PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT (PAPPA)

(2022) HB 4664 PUBLIC ACT 102-1117

HB 4664 builds on existing Illinois law to protect and increase access to the full range of reproductive health care options and reinforces protections for Illinois health care providers and patients travelling here to access abortion and gender-affirming care in the wake of the Dobbs decision. Among other things, PAPPA: protects patients, providers, and those assisting them from litigation under laws in other states intended to prevent or deter people from obtaining abortion and gender-affirming care that is lawful in Illinois; clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses and physicians assistants can provide aspiration abortion care and that assisted reproduction, such as IVF and other medical interventions, is entitled to protection as a fundamental right in Illinois; expands patients’ ability to receive hormonal birth control over the counter from a pharmacist; and protects Illinois health care providers’ professional licenses from disciplinary action if they provide lawful health care in Illinois, even if that care is not legal in another state.

(2023) SB 1344 PUBLIC ACT 103-0462 AND SB 1561 PUBLIC ACT 103-0551

SB 1344 fixes technical errors in the effective date for insurance coverage and corrects the statewide standing order for PEP and PrEP. SB 1561 clarifies that PAPPA protects healthcare lawful in Illinois as of the Act’s passage such that a future adverse decision in litigation over FDA regulation of mifepristone would not call into question abortion medication’s lawfulness.

(2021) KEEPING YOUTH SAFE AND HEALTHY ACT - SB 818 PUBLIC ACT 102-0522

The new sexual health education standards in SB 818 give young people the information and tools they need to support responsible and informed decision making about their health and well-being throughout their lives. The Act also expands the requirement that instruction be culturally appropriate, trauma informed, and inclusive and affirming to all identities.

(2021) YOUTH HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT - HB 370 PUBLIC ACT 102-0685
Sponsors: Rep. Moeller & Sen. Sims | Supported by a broad coalition of Illinois pro-choice advocates, led by ACLU of Illinois and Personal PAC

The Youth Health and Safety Act repeals the Parental Notice of Abortion Act (PNA), a law that since 2013 had forced more than 600 minors who could not notify an adult family member about their decision to have an abortion to go to court and request a judicial waiver to be able to have the procedure. By repealing PNA, HB 370 removes the unnecessary and harmful hurdles PNA created for minors seeking abortion.

(2019) REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT - SB 25 PUBLIC ACT 101-0013

The Reproductive Health Act (RHA) codifies the fundamental right to make individual decisions about reproductive health care, including contraception, abortion care, and maternity care. The RHA requires abortion care be treated like all health care and private health insurance plans to cover abortion care as they do with any other pregnancy related care.

(2015) HEALTH CARE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE ACT AMENDMENTS - SB 1564 PUBLIC ACT 99-0690

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(2013) ILLINOIS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM -
HB 2675 PUBLIC ACT 98-0441
HB 2675 modernizes Illinois sexual health education law to ensure that students in grades six through twelve receive information that will help them lead healthy lives and make responsible decisions – including age-appropriate information about abstinence, contraception, healthy relationships, and boundary setting.

ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

(2017) EQUALITY IN ABORTION CARE COVERAGE - HB 40 PUBLIC ACT 100-0538
HB 40 requires Medicaid and state employee health insurance to cover abortion care. In addition, HB 40 removes a trigger law so that abortion will remain legal in Illinois even if the Supreme Court rolls back Roe v Wade.

(2016) ILLINOIS CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE ACT - HB 5576 PUBLIC ACT 99-0672
The passage of HB 5576 reduces the number of unintended pregnancies and improves birth outcomes by guaranteeing coverage for all FDA approved contraceptive options, preventing insurance companies from creating costly barriers to contraceptive healthcare, and requiring insurance companies to cover birth control prescriptions for up to 12 months at one time.

PREGNANCY AND PARENTING

(2023) AMENDMENT TO ANTI-BULLYING LAW - HB 3425 PUBLIC ACT 103-0047
HB 3424 expands existing protected categories in the anti-bullying law to include pregnancy and parenting, requires school administrators to notify parents or guardians within 24 hours of a report of bullying, and creates the Illinois Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Fund to provide grants to schools for anti-bullying programming.

(2018) LACTATION ROOMS IN COURTHOUSES - SB 3503 PUBLIC ACT 100-0947
SB 3503 requires courthouses to make a lactation room or area available for pumping or breastfeeding for parents who are lactating. The room or area cannot be a restroom to reduce the risk of breast milk contamination. Lactating parents should not be blocked from serving as attorneys, jurors, and witnesses and forced to choose between civic engagement and breastfeeding.

(2014) WORKPLACE FAIRNESS FOR PREGNANT EMPLOYEES -
HB 8 PUBLIC ACT 98-1050
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HB 8 requires employers to make reasonable accommodations for employee’s conditions related to pregnancy and childbirth, unless the employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the ordinary operation of the employer’s business.

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