Key California Legislative Protections for Reproductive Rights

Source: https://osg.ca.gov/reprorights/

Criminal & Civil Liability Protection

AB 2223, Wicks

Helps to ensure that pregnancy loss is not criminalized, prohibiting a person from being criminally or civilly liable for miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or perinatal death due to causes that occurred in utero.

Medical Record Privacy

AB 2091, Bonta

Prohibits a health care provider from releasing medical information on an individual seeking abortion care in response to a subpoena or request from out-of-state.

Prohibits Cooperation with Out-Of-State Entities

AB 1242, Bauer-Kahan

Prohibits law enforcement and California corporations from cooperating with out-of-state entities regarding a lawful abortion in California. It also prohibits law enforcement from knowingly arresting a person for aiding in a lawful abortion in California.

Expands Birth Control Access

SB 523, Levva

Expands birth control access – regardless of gender or insurance coverage status – by requiring health plans to cover certain over-the-counter birth control without cost sharing. It also prohibits employment-related discrimination based on reproductive health decisions.

More Health Care Providers

SB 1375, Atkins

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Expands training options for Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse-Midwives for purposes of performing abortion care by aspiration techniques.

Provider Licensing

AB 657, Cooper

Expedites licensure for health care practitioners that come to California to provide abortion care services.

Provider Licensing Protections

AB 2626, Calderon

Prohibits specified licensing boards from suspending or revoking a license solely for performing an abortion in accordance with the licensee's practice act.

Covered California Reporting

AB 2205, Carrillo

Requires Covered California plans to report annually the total amounts of funds collected in special accounts for abortion care which was established under the ACA to hold premium payment of \$1 per member per month and from which claims for abortion care must be paid.

Abortion Care Services Website & Support Fund

SB 1142, Caballero, Skinner

Requires the establishment of an abortion care services website and an evaluation of the Abortion Practical Support Fund.

Abortion Services & Access Pilot Program

SB 1245, Kamlager

Establishes a reproductive health pilot project in LA County to support innovative approaches and collaborations to safeguard abortion access.

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Reproductive Work Force Development

AB 1918, Petrie-Norris

Creates the CA Reproductive Health Scholarship Corps to recruit, train and retain a diverse workforce of health care professionals who will provide reproductive health services in underserved areas of the state.

Provider Compensation

AB 2134, Weber

Establishes the CA Reproductive Health Equity Program which will provide grants to providers who provide uncompensated care to patients with low-incomes and those who face other financial barriers.

Education & Access in At-Risk Communities

AB 2586, Garcia

Establishes the CA Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund to support CBOs in providing comprehensive reproductive/sexual health education, inclusive of abortion care, to disproportionately impacted communities.

Out-of-Pocket Cost Reduction

SB 245, Gonzalez

Expands access to reproductive health care by eliminating out-of-pocket costs for abortion services covered by health plans.

Protections for Non-Residents

AB 1666, Bauer-Kahan

Seeks to protect those in California from civil liability for providing, aiding, or receiving abortion care in the state.