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Legislative News and What to Do

For the week ending September 5, 2022

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The information contained in the links below are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of BPW Ohio. They are provided for your information to educate you about these pending legislative issues.

If you would like to share links to include in future issues, please email to: BPWOHLegChair@gmail.com. Include your name and local organization's name.

Reproductive Choice

On June 24th the Supreme Court ruled that the constitution does not provide a right to abortion. The ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* allows states to regulate abortion and state legislatures can pass laws that restrict abortion before viability. On the same day, a federal judge lifted an injunction on Ohio's heart beat bill which was signed into law in 2019.

In short, Ohio has banned abortions at approximately six weeks gestation. If any cardiac activity is detected, abortion is prohibited except when there is serious risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily function. The bill makes no exceptions for rape or incest.

BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on Health: Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for full access to all health care services including reproductive choice, funding for research into the protection for women's health care and educational programs concerning women's health issues

Positive Views of the Supreme Court Drop Sharply After Abortion Ruling

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/positive-views-supreme-court-drop-160239004.html>

ACLU, Planned Parenthood file lawsuit against Ohio over abortion rights

<https://www.wlwt.com/article/aclu-planned-parenthood-file-lawsuit-against-ohio-six-week-abortion-ban/41068825#>

VA to Provide Abortions In Cases of Rape, Incest 'Regardless of State Restrictions'

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/va-abortions-cases-rape-incest-192322762.html>

Artificial intelligence is being used to accurately predict women's childbirth risks

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/artificial-intelligence-being-used-accurately-115041630.html>

When abortion at a clinic is not available, 1 in 3 pregnant people say they will do something on their own to end the pregnancy

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-clinic-not-available-1-122645381.html>

A woman's pregnancy test came back negative — but she was suffering a ruptured ectopic pregnancy

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/womans-pregnancy-test-came-back-153940513.html>

Keeping Score: Young and Minority Americans Feel Unsafe at Polls; Students Say Abortion Laws Will Affect College Decisions; Lawmakers Advance Menstrual Equity

https://msmagazine.com/2022/08/25/feminist-news-roundup-keeping-score-abortion-laws-young-women-teenagers-voting-college-students-biden/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=977670c5-cc27-ed11-bd6e-281878b914e7&emdi=c72f4ff0-e527-ed11-bd6e-281878b914e7&ceid=436082

Overturing Roe Will Exacerbate the Black Maternal Mortality Crisis. It's Time for Our Leaders To Act

https://msmagazine.com/2022/08/23/overturn-roe-black-women-maternal-mortality/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=977670c5-cc27-ed11-bd6e-281878b914e7&emdi=c72f4ff0-e527-ed11-bd6e-281878b914e7&ceid=436082

Nurse practitioner says CVS fired her over abortion stance

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/nurse-practitioner-says-cvs-fired-214342958.html>

'Pro-life': America's Most Patently Absurd Misnomer

https://prospect.org/politics/pro-life-americas-most-patently-absurd-misnomer/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=d99ea55b-ae28-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&emdi=809668d4-2c29-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&ceid=962380

Women race political clock, cross state lines for abortions

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/women-race-political-clock-cross-050717607.html>

Planned Parenthood Arizona joins others restarting abortions

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/planned-parenthood-arizona-joins-others-214534913.html>

Georgia's six-week abortion ban could impact medical treatment for women who miscarry

[Georgia's six-week abortion ban could impact medical treatment for women who miscarry \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/georgia-six-week-abortion-ban-could-impact-medical-treatment-for-women-who-miscarry-214534913.html)

Pritzker makes abortion rights central issue in re-election bid for Illinois governor

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/pritzker-makes-abortion-rights-central-120000665.html>

This is what new Indiana abortion law means for IU Health providers

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/indiana-abortion-law-means-iu-181512956.html>

State of Michigan expands access to generic birth control prescription

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/michigan-high-court-asked-ok-205149840.html>

NC abortion restrictions could hurt state's ability to attract and keep OB-GYNs

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/happens-next-kettering-clinic-closure-035900245.html>

Oklahoma AG urges prosecution for performing an abortion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/oklahoma-ag-urges-prosecution-performing-220328978.html>

New Mexico governor commits \$10 million to building new abortion clinic near Texas border

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/mexico-governor-commits-10-million-201641153.html>

NC lawmakers have much to learn about pregnancy, abortion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/nc-lawmakers-much-learn-pregnancy-160554204.html>

The aftermath of Roe's reversal in the Palmetto State and what SC senators should consider

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/aftermath-roe-reversal-palmetto-state-192215917.html>

Dr. Dawn Bingham: South Carolina lawmakers need to stay out of delivery rooms, exam rooms

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/dawn-bingham-south-carolina-lawmakers-000015769.html>

Lawmaker Horrified By Consequences Of Abortion Ban Votes For Even Stricter One

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawmaker-horrified-consequences-abortion-ban-000836097.html>

Doctors face legal jeopardy as Tennessee hospitals craft new pregnancy care policies

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/doctors-face-legal-jeopardy-tennessee-020027156.html>

‘Chaos, Confusion and Crisis’: Marking a Full Year of Texas’ Six-Week Abortion Ban

https://msmagazine.com/2022/09/01/texas-abortion-ban-one-year/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=57d5315e-132a-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&emdi=a9ddb46e-412a-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

Legislation being proposed in Ohio

HB 598 and companion SB 123. They will without exception, charge doctors with felonies for terminating a pregnancy, no matter the reason.

HB 480 would create a financial incentive for individuals to turn in friends, family and neighbors if they know they performed or even helped someone obtain an abortion or used certain forms of birth control like an IUD and Plan B that prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg.

HB 704 - The Personhood Act. Introduced 7/11/22 Representative Click
To recognize the personhood of an unborn human individual from conception.
Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Hall, Jordan, Manchester, Powell, Riedel, Stoltzfus
[House Bill 704 Status | 134th General Assembly | Ohio House of Representatives](#)

SB 352 - Designate June 24 as "Life Day" Introduced 7/6/22 Senator Huffman, S.
To commemorate the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.
Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Hoagland, Hottinger, Johnson, Lang, McColley, O'Brien, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer
[Senate Bill 352 - Status | The Ohio Legislature](#)

The Columbus Dispatch reported that the Ohio General Assembly is expected to pass a full ban on abortion later this year. Lawmakers are on an extended break until September, and some think it'll be at least November or December before a full ban bill is considered. Gov. Mike DeWine, a consistent supporter of abortion restrictions, would sign a ban into law.

What you can do:

1. Make reproductive choice a focus for the 2022-midterm elections. Find out if those running for the U.S. Senate and House, Ohio Governor and your Ohio House and Senate representative support reproductive choice. Vote for candidates who support reproductive choice.
2. Participate in rallies across the state and let your voice be heard.
3. Contact your City Council representatives and ask them to pass a resolution to limit prosecution involving abortions. similar to the city of Lakewood: <https://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/2022/07/lakewood-councilman-proposes-legislation-limiting-prosecution-involving-abortion.html?outputType=amp>
4. Write letters to the editor of your local papers and be part of public conversations.
5. Call and/or visit your legislators while they are in their home districts on recess. Let them know how you feel about these bills.
6. Join us in September when we March at the Ohio Capital and visit our legislators. Please HOLD September 14 and 15. This is tentatively when they will return from recess and have committee meetings.

Federal Legislation

Senate Joint Resolution is 1 Removes arbitrary time limit on the passage of the ERA.

What you can do:

1. **Sign the petition to Leader Schumer: Schedule a vote on the Equal Rights Amendment**
https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-leader-schumer-schedule-a-vote-on-the-equal-rights-amendment?source=2022ERAVote_ERAC&referrer=group-era-
2. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor and ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote when Congress returns in September. Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922
3. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor and vote for removing the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. And, ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote when Congress returns in September. Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922
4. Make the ERA a focus for the 2022 mid-term elections and Senator Portman's replacement. Ask candidates if they support the ERA being in the Constitution. Vote for candidates who support the ERA.

5. Tell others about the ERA, give them the link to Elect Equality and encourage them to make the ERA a focus for the mid-term elections. The Elect Equality Campaign provides voters with the opportunity to hear directly from candidates on their position on the ERA. Go to: <https://www.eracoalition.org/electequality>

House Resolution 891, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the article of amendment (commonly known as the "Equal Rights Amendment") to the Constitution is valid. It has 182 co-sponsors including 154 original ones. [See Co-Sponsors](#).

What you can do:

1. Use this letter to thank your member of Congress if they're already signed on in support or ask your [Representative to Sign-on](#),

Tell the White House: the Archivist must publish the ERA -- Please share with your networks

1. [Please Sign Petition](#) - Tell the White House that the Archivist must publish the ERA
2. [Send a message directly to the White House](#) that the Archivist must publish the ERA

H.R. 8373 the Right to Contraception Act Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Manning (D-N.C.),

[H.R.8373 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Right to Contraception Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

This bill sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. *Contraception* refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives (i.e., a device or medication used to prevent pregnancy), fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.

Passed on Thursday by a vote of 228 to 195. Just eight Republicans—Reps. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio), John Katko (N.Y.), Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), Nancy Mace (S.C.), Maria Salazar (Fla.) and Fred Upton (Mich.)—joined all House Democrats in support of the bill.

S.4557 — Right to Contraception Act Sponsored by:

[Sen. Markey, Edward J. \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2022) Co-Sponsored by [Sen. Brown, Sherrod \[D-OH\]*](#)

[S.4557 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Right to Contraception Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

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What you can do: Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121

1. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor of S.4557.
2. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor S 4557 and vote for the right to contraception.

Help Get Out the Vote – Help People Get to the Polls!

Help people check online to make sure their voting information is current and find their new district. Go to: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/get-your-voting-information>

You can also find new districts here: <https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov>

Encourage people to register to vote: Register online here: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>

To Vote in Ohio you must: be a citizen of the United States. • be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election. • be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.

You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days before an election. Upcoming voter registration deadlines:

- **October 11, 2022**, for the November 8, 2022, General Election

To request an Absentee ballot application form. Go to: www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot