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Legislative News and What to Do

For the week ending July 24, 2022

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Our Mission: To achieve equity for all women in the workplace and to empower all women through advocacy, education and information. Established in 1920.

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.

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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

Events

The Women's Convention will run from Friday, August 12, to Sunday, August 14, 2022. The location is the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. The Women's Convention will bring together thousands of everyday women activists, movement leaders, rising political stars that reflect our nation's changing demographics, and thousands of new grassroots leaders who've organized in their communities and taken to the streets since January 2017.

Learn more: www.thewomensconvention.com

Register here:

[The Women's Convention 2022 Tickets, Houston | Eventbrite](#)

Video Clips

Yellen on abortion: Losing rights will negatively impact the economy and 'set women back'
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rVpsGrYT5zc> (2:05 min.)

Articles

What the Bible actually says about abortion may surprise you

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bible-actually-says-abortion-may-122202600.html>

When Girls Under 15 Experience Childbirth, the Consequences to Their Bodies Can Be Devastating

[When Girls Under 15 Experience Childbirth, the Consequences to Their Bodies Can Be Devastating \(msn.com\)](#)

What Pregnancy and Childbirth Do to the Bodies of Young Girls

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/pregnancy-childbirth-bodies-young-girls-175017137.html>

What New Abortion Bans Mean for the Youngest Patients

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-bans-mean-youngest-patients-175511396.html>

Postmortem Sperm Retrieval Is Turning Dead Men Into Fathers

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2022-07-19/sperm-extraction-technique-turns-dead-men-into-fathers?utm_medium=social&cmpid=socialflow-twitter-businessweek&utm_content=businessweek&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic

CVS seeks verification on drugs with possible abortion use

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/cvs-seeks-verification-drugs-possible-205520660.html>

Women Face Risks as Doctors Struggle With Medical Exceptions on Abortion

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US government tells hospitals they must provide abortions in cases of emergency, regardless of state law

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2022/07/11/u-s-hospitals-must-provide-abortion-emergency/10033561002/>

Post-Roe America Will Lead to Increased Criminalization of Pregnant Women. Here's How to Protect Them

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/20/roe-pregnant-women-arrested-murder-child-abuse-miscarriage-abortion-napw/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=a815f254-6508-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=0cefe25b-7708-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Real Representation Is the Key To Protecting Our Reproductive Freedom

[Real Representation Is the Key To Protecting Our Reproductive Freedom - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Is a Public Health Emergency Declaration a Good Strategy in Response to Dobbs?

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Abortion How-To: The Ms. Q&A on Menstrual Extraction With Carol Downer

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/14/abortion-how-to-carol-downer-menstrual-extraction/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=a5c4e430-c906-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=69aeedf8-e406-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

House passes same-sex marriage bill in retort to high court (Right to Privacy)

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/house-vote-same-sex-marriage-040638491.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

Congress votes to codify gay, interracial marriage, Ohio's Portman co-sponsoring Senate bill

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2022/07/19/respect-marriage-act-how-ohio-lawmakers-congress-voted-gay-marriage/10096349002/>

Clarence Thomas Isn't The Only One Ready To Reduce Women To Baby Incubators

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/clarence-thomas-isnt-only-one-094503667.html>

Cleveland City Hall releases post-Roe policy plan

https://www.crainscleveland.com/government/cleveland-city-hall-releases-post-roe-policy-plan?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_term=crainscleveland&utm_content=f029a692-f870-4017-b933-ef0140fdc78d

Newsom signs gun law modeled after Texas abortion ban, setting up Supreme Court fight

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/newsom-sign-gun-law-modeled-140032215.html>

War on Women Report: States Come for Abortion Care; 10 Anti-LGBTQ Bills; 'Freedom' Is Hypocrisy

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/13/supreme-court-post-roe-texas-abortion-care-clinics-shut-down-july-4-brittney-griner-russia-anti-lgbtq-education-period-tracking-apps-biden-women/?omhhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=1a7e7a33-9c03-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=465fab4b-c003-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Change the Constitution for Choice. Ireland Did

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/13/change-us-constitution-pro-choice-ireland/?omhhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=f12a8469-a307-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=caf45d23-ae07-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Iranian Women Unveil in Protest; Hungary Sued Over Anti-LGBTQ Law; Sierra Leone Overturns Abortion Ban

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/21/ms-global-afghanistan-iran-vatican-france-hungary-sudan-sierra-leone/?omhhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=a94e3606-1b09-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=c3d71877-4009-ed11-b47a-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.

Help Get Out the Vote

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:

- **July 5, 2022**, for August 2, 2022
Special Election - Ohio House and Senate
- **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

Help people get to the polls!