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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

Articles

Privacy and Period Trackers

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/30/technology/period-tracker-privacy-abortion.html>

https://msmagazine.com/2022/06/30/period-apps-women-health-data-information/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=9e217572-73f9-ec11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=c2e9fe2c-89f9-ec11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Company Involvement

<https://www.cNBC.com/2022/06/24/roe-v-wade-abortion-decision-companies-forced-to-weigh-in-on-privacy-health-care.html>

Justice Clarence Thomas

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/justice-thomas-cites-debunked-claim-165843355.html>

Patients going to Indiana

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/health/2022/07/01/indiana-abortion-law-roe-v-wade-overturned-travel/7779936001/>

Ohio Attorney General

<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/06/ohio-gop-attorney-generals-son-daughter-in-law-publicly-split-with-dave-yost-on-abortion-rights.html>

Moral Status of a Fetus

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/does-fetus-acquire-moral-status-122741362.html>

Legislation being proposed in Ohio

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

House Bill 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.

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. Write letters to the editor of your local papers and be part of public conversations.
4. Call and/or visit your legislators while they are in their home districts on recess. Let them know how you feel about these bills.
5. 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!