

S 3713

Reproductive Choice Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides statutory authority for certain Supreme Court holdings on abortion rights and restrictions in the cases of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*.

In *Roe*, the Court held that the Constitution protects a woman's decision to terminate her pregnancy. In *Casey*, the Court reaffirmed this holding and additionally held that state abortion regulations may not place a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion before fetal viability (i.e., an undue burden). However, a state may (1) restrict abortions after viability, except when a pregnancy endangers the life or health of the woman; and (2) enact regulations to further the health or safety of a woman seeking an abortion, except for unnecessary health regulations that present a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking an abortion.

The bill provides statutory authority for these holdings. It also specifies that the bill does not affect laws regarding conscience protection.

Actions Timeline

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