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Reproductive Freedom for All Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reproductive Freedom for All Act

This bill establishes a general right of all persons to make certain reproductive decisions without undue government interference.

It specifically provides statutory authority for the Supreme Court's prior holdings in *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.

Additionally, the bill provides statutory authority for the Court's holdings in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (the right of married couples to obtain contraception), *Eisenstadt v. Baird* (the right of single persons to obtain contraception), *Carey v. Population Services International* (the right of minors to obtain contraception), and *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* (that certain state restrictions on abortion facilities and providers created an undue burden).

The bill allows the Department of Justice or any person adversely affected by a state law that violates this bill to seek injunctive relief. It also specifies that the bill does not affect laws regarding conscience protection.

Actions Timeline

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