



At-A-Glance Maine ABORTION Fact Sheet

In Maine: NO wait period before abortions; NO hospital admitting privileges required; NO ultrasound required prior to an abortion; NO doctor required to perform an abortion, and NO safety inspections of abortion clinics.

1974: Abortion was legalized in Maine.

2015: In Maine, abortion clinics are the ONLY outpatient surgical facilities exempt from licensing and state safety inspections.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/22/title22sec1812-E.html>

2019: In addition to physicians and osteopaths, Maine now allows non-doctor medical providers (physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse) to perform surgical abortions. (LD 1261)

2019 & 2023: Maine insurance plans must cover abortions. (LD 820 & LD 995)

2021: The Baby Box Bill becomes law without Governor Janet Mill's signature. Four years later, 2025, the "routine technical rules" have still not been promulgated. (LD560)

2022: Governor Janet Mills, by Executive Order #4, requires Maine taxpayers to fund MaineCare/Medicaid abortions.

2023: Governor Janet Mills procures elimination of Maine's long-standing restriction of abortions after viability (late term/40 weeks gestation), making abortion of babies capable of living outside the womb legal, for any reason, until live birth. (LD 1619)

2023: Crime level for UNLICENSED abortionists performing surgical abortions reduced from Class C felony to a low-level Class E misdemeanor. (LD 1619)

2023: Chemical abortion pills may be ordered online, without a woman ever seeing a medical provider, and no direct supervision by a qualified person. Risks: hemorrhaging, incomplete abortions, psychological trauma (babies may be delivered still alive), and ectopic pregnancies.

Clearly Maine abortion operations, which are conducted for profit, and the politicians they support, have a need to maintain high numbers of abortions here, including abortions performed on people who come here to circumvent the laws of their home states.



LD 227 - NEW LAW

Effective August 9, 2024, making Maine America's abortion haven.

***Legally protects abortionists and provides a safe harbor for non-custodial adults who bring minors to Maine from other states for abortions to evade their laws.**

***Defines "reproductive health care services" as a "legal RIGHT;" requires Maine taxpayers to pay for all services; religious (Roman Catholic) hospitals and pro-life organizations must provide insurance and give employees time off to obtain service; and prevents "interference" with anyone who is seeking an abortion.**

***Defines "Reproductive health care services" to include "all supplies, care, and services," including those of a "supportive nature" related to abortion.**

***Allows for retaliatory lawsuits.** The abortionist may countersue the parents and drag them to Maine, even though the parents and the child are residents of another state.

FACTS

* **Unborn babies** have a heartbeat at 8 weeks gestation; **feel pain at 12 weeks**; and begin to smile and show human emotion at 24 weeks.

* On average, **2,000 babies are killed by abortion every year in Maine.**

* **Complications** from an abortion can include perforation of the uterus, cervical injury, retained blood clots, injuries to adjacent organs, such as the bladder or bowels, failed abortion, septic abortion, mental health trauma and long-term psychological damage.

***There are 21 abortion clinics in Maine.**

National average is 1.5 abortion clinics / 100,000 women (ages 15-44)

Maine's average is 9 clinics/100,000 women; **the highest percentage in the US.**