AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Walsh, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 4.13

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT

23-4.13-1. Short title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Reproductive Health care Act."

23-4.13-2. Noninterference in reproductive health care. (a) Neither the state, nor any of its agencies, or political subdivisions shall:

(1) Interfere with a woman's decision to prevent, commence, continue, or terminate a pregnancy provided the decision is made prior to fetal viability;

(2) Restrict the use of medically recognized methods of contraception or abortion; or

(3) Restrict the manner in which medically recognized methods of contraception or abortion are provided.

(b) For purposes of this section, "fetal viability" means that stage of gestation where the attending physician, taking into account the particular facts of the case, has determined that there is a reasonable likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside of the womb.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate the provisions of §23-4.7-6 or §23-17-11.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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This act would prohibit the state from interfering with a woman's decision to prevent, commence, continue, or terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability, or restricting the use or manner of medically recognized methods of contraception or abortion.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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