

ACLU-TN Legislative Highlights: Reproductive Freedom

106th Tennessee General Assembly, 2009 – 2010



Bill (Sponsor)	Bill Description	Bill Status	Position
SB 3812 (Johnson) HB 3301 (Lynn)	Enacts the "Freedom from Coercion Act," which requires physicians performing abortions to post signs in their office stating that no one can coerce another to have an abortion	Current Status	Oppose
SB 3699 (Black) HB 3495 (Evans)	Specifies that when a defendant commits a homicide or assault against a pregnant woman, the woman's fetus, regardless of viability, is also considered a victim of the offense	Current Status	Oppose
SB 2687 (Black) HB 2680 (Hill)	Prohibits coverage for abortion services under any health care plan required to be established in this state pursuant to federal health care reform legislation	Current Status	Oppose
SB 2686 (Black) HB 2681 (Hill)	Prohibits coverage for abortion services under any health care plan required to be established in this state pursuant to federal health care reform legislation	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1800 (Herron) HB 0445 (Maddox)	Requires that the informed written consent of the woman be obtained prior to an abortion and requires a 24-hour period of reflection after the woman receives the information needed for an informed consent. Establishes an exception to informed consent and waiting period requirements when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman	Current Status	Oppose

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SB 1794 (Herron) HB 2204 (Maddox)	Requires informed consent prior to an abortion; requires a 24-hour waiting period prior to an abortion; establishes an exception to informed consent and waiting period requirements when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman; clarifies that third trimester abortions must be performed in a hospital.	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1239 (Bunch) HB 0819 (Campfield)	Requires a death certificate be issued for each abortion performed in Tennessee; restricts dissemination of personal information on such death certificates	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1209 (Woodson) HB 1437 (Harwell)	Prohibits use of shackles on pregnant incarcerated women unless there is a flight risk and/or safety concern for self or others	Current Status	Support
SB 0815 (Gresham) HB0862 (Mumpower)	Defines the term "inception of human life" to mean "the moment of conception"	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0640 (Marrero) HB 1532 (Favors)	Enacts the "Emergency Care for Rape Victims Act," which requires hospital emergency rooms to provide information to rape victims about emergency contraceptives and inform them of its availability. Hospitals with religious affiliation are exempt	Current Status	Support
SJR 0127 (Black)	Adds new provision to Article I to provide that nothing in Constitution of Tennessee secures or protects right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion; states that the people retain the right through their elected state representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother	Current Status	Oppose