

HJR 59 -- REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

SPONSOR: Miller

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment modifies the provisions of Article I, Section 36, the Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative, by adding thereto a definition of "Person", which is defined as an individual who is 18 years of age or older. This amendment clarifies that the right to reproductive freedom applies to any person who is 18 years of age or older.

The amendment repeals a provision of Article I, Section 36 that prohibits penalization, prosecution, or other adverse actions based on pregnancy outcomes, including, but not limited to, miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion, as well as the penalization of any person who assists another person in exercising their right to reproductive freedom under the provisions of this Article.

This amendment provides that the government's prohibition from discrimination against persons providing or persons obtaining reproductive health care applies to situations in which the providers, or the providers' assistants, are medically qualified.