

HCS HJR 73 -- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE (Lewis)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment prohibits abortions, except in cases of medical emergencies, fetal anomalies, rape, or incest. In the case of abortions performed or induced because of rape or incest, the abortion may be performed or induced no later than 12 weeks gestational age of the unborn child.

The amendment prohibits public funds from being used to pay for abortions; prohibits the use of surgeries, hormones, or drugs to assist a child with a gender transition; specifies which circuit court challenges shall be brought to; and holds that any person who intentionally or negligently causes damage to another person relating to the provision of reproductive health care or the performance or inducement of an abortion is liable for damages and subject to suspension or revocation of his or her medical license.

Under this constitutional amendment, a woman's right to reproductive freedom includes the right to health care in cases of miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and other medical emergencies.

The General Assembly will have the authority to enact laws to carry out these provisions.

This bill is similar to SJR 33 (2025).