

LIFE LAWS IN MINNESOTA

CHANGES TO LAWS ON ABORTION & LIFE IN MINNESOTA

1 In 2023, the MN legislature passed the PRO Act, which establishes a fundamental right to abortion. This law includes unfettered access to abortion on demand without gestational limits and expands taxpayer funding for abortions—including a right to sterilization.

2 In 2023, the MN legislature amended the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act, removing explicit protections in the law that mandated physicians to provide lifesaving care to infants born alive after an abortion. “Comfort care” is the only requirement now.

3 In 2023, the MN legislature repealed nearly all statutory guardrails in the law protecting women and girls seeking an abortion:

- REPEALED: INFORMED CONSENT AND 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD**
Information about what happens to a woman or girl's body when she gets an abortion is no longer required to be provided, and there is no longer a required 24-hour waiting period from the time information is provided before an abortion can occur.
- REPEALED: PHYSICIAN-ONLY LAW**
It is no longer required that a physician perform abortions, posing a threat to the safety of women and girls who receive abortions.
- REPEALED: HOSPITAL-ONLY LAW**
Abortion is no longer required to be performed in a hospital after the first trimester.
- REPEALED: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
The state is no longer required to report data about infants born alive who survive an abortion, the gestational age of the preborn child at the time of the abortion, an abortion-minded woman's mental and emotional health, her reason for the abortion & who paid for the abortion, and other information that kept the state and abortion industry accountable.



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4 Minnesota's parental notification law—passed decades ago with bipartisan support—requires parents to be notified when their minor daughter is seeking an abortion. This law was recently struck down by a Minnesota district court as unconstitutional and is currently not being enforced.

5 The Reproductive Freedom Defense Act, passed in 2023, shields doctors who unlawfully perform abortions in other states from undergoing disciplinary action while practicing in Minnesota

6 In 2024, the MN legislature enacted a law mandating insurers to provide abortion coverage. Alongside allies, Minnesota Family Council & True North Legal secured a statutory exemption from this requirement for non-profits, small businesses, and other entities.

7 In 2023, the MN legislature repealed the Positive Alternatives grant program, which provided \$3.5 million per year to pregnancy resource centers and life-affirming women's health clinics.

- Practically, this means taking away supplies such as diapers, cribs, & car seats from families in need, showing that these needs are no longer an investment that the state finds important.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

- A bill providing tax relief for maternal and baby supplies was removed from the final provisions of the Progressive majority's final passage of the tax bill.
- Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison issued a consumer alert in 2022 accusing pregnancy resource centers of providing "fraudulent services."

FUTURE THREAT:

The so-called Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), a law which if passed by a majority in both branches of the Legislature would create a ballot measure seeking to establish a constitutional right to abortion in the MN Constitution.

- No limitations or guardrails on abortion would be considered constitutional, and it goes far beyond abortion;
- As drafted, the ERA creates protections for harmful gender mutilation surgery;
- The ERA could also impact rights of conscience and other rights, meaning that healthcare providers and others with sincerely-held religious beliefs may no longer be protected from being complicit in abortion.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Prayerfully get engaged with Minnesota Family Council and True North Legal who are on the forefront of this fight. We need your help! Creating an environment in which life is cherished in Minnesota will take all of us working together. Please subscribe to get updates on these crucial issues and our continued work to protect life at the Capitol at mfc.org/subscribe & truenorthlegal.org and consider volunteering at mfc.org/volunteer.

Supporting the life ministry of your church and/or your local pregnancy resource center is another crucial way to bless women and children in a challenging environment.