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REPRODUCTIVE CARE ACT

BACKGROUND

The Reproductive Care Act repeals existing statutes that restrict abortion care and adds protections for patients and providers, including data privacy, nondiscrimination, and civil and criminal reforms for evidence-based care.

KEY FEATURES

The legislation will enhance provider access and promote patient autonomy by eliminating:

- 6-week and 20-week abortion bans
- Mandatory waiting periods
- Transfer agreements
- Other TRAP laws

Additionally, it will establish new statutes that eliminate barriers impeding the physician/patient relationship and access to care, including:

- Prohibits regulatory entities from collecting, retaining, using, or disclosing personal reproductive or sexual health information, including disclosure to third parties, such as other states and law enforcement, and establishes causes of civil action.
- Prohibits a health care provider or health care facility from being required or compelled to provide patient records to any out-of-state 3rd party.
- Makes it an unlawful discriminatory practice under Ohio's Civil Rights Law for an employer to discriminate against a person because of any reproductive health care decision.
- Permits telehealth as an acceptable method of provider treatment for reproductive care.
- Provides immunity from civil, criminal, and professional disciplinary action to health care providers, facilities, helpers, or individuals accessing or seeking reproductive care.

DEBUNKING DISINFORMATION

Misinformation in the Revised Code

An extensive review of existing statutes is being conducted to address language that is not medically accurate or evidence-based.

Parental Consent

Parental consent will be maintained under the Reproductive Care Act.

REACHING TOWARDS TOMORROW

Accessible reproductive care has broader intersections beyond the healthcare sector. Moving forward, it is crucial to adopt a comprehensive approach to legislation that entails diligent dismantling of laws that block reproductive care established over the past decade or more.