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SYNOPSIS

Establishes reproductive health travel advisory.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning the establishment of a reproductive health travel
2 advisory and supplementing P.L.2021, c.375 (C.10:7-1 et al.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. While many pregnancies are safe and uneventful, there is
9 always some risk that a pregnancy will unexpectedly result in a
10 medical emergency endangering the life or health of the patient.

11 b. The effective treatment of such emergencies sometimes requires
12 termination of the pregnancy.

13 c. The level and type of risk for each patient varies with the
14 duration of the pregnancy, and with a patient's underlying medical
15 condition.

16 d. In the states that limit reproductive health care services, it is
17 unclear to what extent necessary medical treatment for pregnancy-
18 related emergencies will be permitted.

19 e. There is therefore a need to create an advisory that will inform
20 New Jersey residents of the extent to which states within the United
21 States limit reproductive health care services so that they may make
22 informed travel decisions while pregnant.

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24 2. a. The New Jersey Department of State shall establish the
25 "New Jersey Reproductive Health Travel Advisory." The travel
26 advisory shall inform New Jersey residents of the extent to which
27 states within the United States restrict access to reproductive
28 healthcare services.

29 b. The travel advisory shall provide a description of each state in
30 the United States with respect to reproductive healthcare services
31 including but not limited to, gestational duration bans, waiting
32 periods, insurance coverage bans, medication restrictions,
33 constitutional protections, funding available to patients for
34 reproductive health care services, and criminal and civil liability for
35 patients and healthcare providers. The travel advisory shall provide
36 the information according to the following tiered system:

37 (1) "Blue: Exercise normal caution," which signifies that
38 pregnant individuals have access to all forms of reproductive medical
39 care without fear of civil or criminal prosecution;

40 (2) "Yellow: Exercise increased caution," which signifies that
41 pregnant individuals have restricted access to reproductive medical
42 care that could result in civil or criminal prosecution; and

43 (3) "Red: Reconsider travel," which signifies that pregnant
44 individuals have extremely restricted access to reproductive medical
45 care that could result in an adverse medical outcome, pregnant
46 individuals being subject to civil or criminal prosecution, and
47 individuals seeking emergency reproductive medical care not being
48 provided life-saving care due to state law.

49 c. The Department of State shall publish the travel advisory in a
50 prominent location on its Internet website and update the advisory

1 for each state every time a state experiences a change in its law, rules,
2 or regulations concerning reproductive healthcare services.

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill requires the Department of State to establish the “New
10 Jersey Reproductive Health Travel Advisory” to inform New Jersey
11 residents of the extent to which states within the United States restrict
12 access to reproductive healthcare services.

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14 some risk that a pregnancy will unexpectedly result in a medical
15 emergency endangering the life or health of the patient. The effective
16 treatment of such emergencies sometimes requires termination of the
17 pregnancy. In the states that limit reproductive health care services,
18 it is unclear to what extent necessary medical treatment for
19 pregnancy-related emergencies will be permitted. There is thus a
20 need to create an advisory that will inform New Jersey residents of
21 the extent to which states within the United States limit reproductive
22 health care services so that they may make informed travel decisions
23 while pregnant.

24 Pursuant to this bill, the travel advisory is to provide a description
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