

CA CR 18 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **18**

RELATING TO: reproductive medical decisions.

PROVIDING THAT: the state shall not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Toll, Ches. 16; Rep. T. Smith, Hills. 17; Rep. Frost, Straf. 16; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Rep. Hyland, Hills. 38; Rep. Query, Hills. 16; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. Grassie, Straf. 11; Rep. Altschiller, Rock. 19

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the right to make reproductive medical decisions is inviolate and prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from infringing upon or unduly inconveniencing this right.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: reproductive medical decisions.

PROVIDING THAT: the state shall not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 2-b the
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 2-c. [Right of Reproductive Health.] The right to make personal reproductive medical
4 decisions is inviolate and fundamental to the human condition. Neither the State nor any political
5 subdivision shall infringe upon or unduly inconvenience this right.

6 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
7 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

8 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
9 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide
10 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2022 session of the general court shall
11 be approved.

12 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
13 "Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-b a new
14 article to read as follows:

15 [Art.] 2-c. [Right of Reproductive Health.] The right to make personal reproductive medical
16 decisions is inviolate and fundamental to the human condition. Neither the State nor any political
17 subdivision shall infringe upon or unduly inconvenience this right."

18 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
19 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
20 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in
21 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
22 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional
23 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
24 ballot.

25 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
26 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

27 VII. Voters' Guide.

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1 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the New Hampshire constitution does not specifically
2 guarantee the right to make personal reproductive medical decisions.

3 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the right to make personal reproductive
4 medical decisions will be guaranteed by the constitution and the state and its political subdivisions
5 will be prohibited from infringing upon or unduly inconveniencing this right.