

The Facts on Abortion in Michigan

A woman in Michigan can have an abortion for any reason at any point in her pregnancy.

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Even if every Republican running for office won his/her election, there is nothing that could be done to change or limit that since a “right” to abortion is now in the state constitution.

Michigan has some of the least restrictive abortion laws in the country and is one of only nine states with no gestational limits. The old **“rape and incest”** argument is wholly irrelevant. A woman needs absolutely no justification to get an abortion at any time in her pregnancy.

There is **no threat of a national gestational limit, a.k.a. “national ban,”** on abortion. Right to Life of Michigan has not advocated and is not advocating for a national ban on abortion as a matter of strategy. Beyond that fact, there are not the votes in Congress for a “ban,” and no current presidential candidate is advocating for or would sign a “ban.”

Despite the claims of abortion-obsessed Democrats, **Republican candidates running for office in Michigan do NOT support jailing women for abortion and never have.** Beyond that fact, Michigan law has NEVER criminalized a woman for procuring an abortion, and this was reconfirmed by the Michigan Supreme Court in the 1963 case of *In re Vickers*.

Miscarriage treatment and treatment for ectopic pregnancies are not prohibited by any law in the country nor have they ever been. Even states with the most restrictive abortion policies have a “life of the mother” exception, under which ectopic pregnancy falls.

After the past two years of radical, abortion-obsessed leadership in Michigan, abortion has become less, not more, safe. With abortion clinic health and safety regulations gone (*Reproductive Health Act*) and Informed Consent no longer enforceable, women should be on notice. In the last year alone (2022-2023), **serious complications from abortions shot up 38%.** (*Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.*)

What’s at Stake Now!

At stake now is not access to abortion, but commonsense protections for Michiganders, like Parental Consent for abortion and laws that Prevent Tax Dollars from paying for other people’s elective abortions.

Next on the chopping block is Parental Consent for abortion! Governor Gretchen Whitmer said she wants Parental Consent for minor girls GONE! (*Stateside, Michigan Public Radio, March 2024*) Child-protective school penalties for employees assisting students in obtaining abortions are ELIMINATED. (*Public Act 103, October 2023*) Millions of taxpayer dollars are being funneled to expand school-based healthcare clinics targeting children. (*Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Whitmer Administration grants, 2023/2024*)

Democrats in Lansing tried, but were so far unable, to Force Taxpayers to pay for other people’s abortions through Medicaid dollars. Now they’ve appealed to the courts to do it.

It’s time for a change in Michigan! Learn about candidates who will protect commonsense laws and represent your values at rtl.org/elections.