

# WHAT DOES VIRGINIA'S RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AMENDMENT ACTUALLY SAY?

ARTICLE I BILL OF RIGHTS Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom. That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care. An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable. The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent. For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making. This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

This fundamentally contradicts the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the Right to Life.

Likely makes it illegal to enforce common sense safety standards for facilities that commit abortions, as safety standards could be construed as "infringement."

This has been legally used to defend abortion for ANY reason through all nine months of pregnancy.

"Viability" is an ambiguous term that allows a biased party – the abortionist – to decide when abortions can be committed.

There are no pro-life laws that prohibit protections for the life of the mother. This addition is a diversion.

This protects sexual abusers, rapists, and other criminals who use abortion to cover crimes!!!



VIRGINIANS DESERVE BETTER THAN  
ABORTION THROUGH ALL NINE MONTHS.  
**VOTE NO ON NOVEMBER 3.**