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SYNOPSIS

Secures protections for patients and providers accessing and providing reproductive health care services; establishes right of residents to reproductive health care activity that is restricted in other states.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on June 11, 2026.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2026)

1 AN ACT concerning reproductive rights and amending and
2 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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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. (New section) As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
8 before the Legislature as this bill):

9 “Assisted reproductive technology” shall mean the same as
10 defined in section 3 of P.L.2018, c.18 (C.9:17-62).

11 “Driveway” means an entry from a public street to a public or
12 private parking area used by a health care services facility.

13 ¹“Entrance” means a door to a health care services facility that
14 directly abuts the public sidewalk; provided, however, that if the
15 door does not directly abut the public sidewalk, the “entrance” shall
16 be the point at which the public sidewalk intersects with a pathway
17 leading to the door.

18 “Gathering” means two or more individuals.¹

19 “Health care services facility” includes a hospital, clinic, office,
20 or other site that provides or seeks to provide health care services
21 and includes the building or structure in which the facility is located
22 and the driveway of such building or structure.

23 ¹“Impede” means to obstruct, block, detain, or render passage
24 impossible, unsafe, or unreasonably difficult.¹

25 “Intimidate” means to place a person in reasonable apprehension
26 of bodily harm to themselves or to another.

27 ¹“Physical obstruction” “Physically obstruct”¹ means
28 rendering ingress to or egress from a health care services facility
29 impassable to another person, or rendering passage to or from a
30 health care services facility unreasonably difficult or hazardous to
31 another person.

32 “Reproductive health care activity” means any conduct related to
33 providing, seeking, receiving, advising, aiding, facilitating,
34 encouraging, referring for, assisting with, providing material
35 support for, or inquiring about reproductive health care services that
36 are lawful in this State. “Reproductive health care activity” shall not
37 include any conduct that could form the basis of a civil, criminal, or
38 administrative action under the laws of this State.

39 “Reproductive health care services” means all supplies, care, and
40 services of a medical, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic,
41 mental health, behavioral health, preventative, rehabilitative,
42 support, consultative, prescribing, or dispensing services relating to
43 the human reproductive system, whether provided in person or by

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SJU committee amendments adopted May 21, 2026.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 8, 2026.

³Assembly floor amendments adopted June 11, 2026.

1 means of telehealth, in compliance with New Jersey law.
 2 “Reproductive health care services” shall include, but not be limited
 3 to, all services, care, and products relating to pregnancy, assisted
 4 ¹~~reproduction~~ reproductive¹ technology, contraception,
 5 miscarriage management, or abortion, and all supplies, care, and
 6 services of a medical, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic,
 7 mental health, behavioral health, preventative, rehabilitative,
 8 supportive, consultative, prescribing, or dispensing or supportive
 9 nature, including medication, to support a person’s alignment with
 10 their gender identity or expression ¹~~and delivered or overseen in~~
 11 accordance with the accepted standard of care, pursuant to ~~]~~
 12 consistent with¹ subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (4) of
 13 subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.2017, c.176 (C.17:48A-71l).
 14 “Reproductive health care services” shall not include any conduct
 15 that would constitute a violation of any law ¹, regulation, or agency
 16 standard¹ of this State ¹or deviation from the applicable
 17 professional standard of care¹, and shall not include any service
 18 described in section 2 of P.L.2013, c.150 (C.45:1-55).

19 ¹~~“Social media” means an electronic service or account, or~~
 20 ~~electronic content, including, but not limited to, videos or still~~
 21 ~~photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts, instant and text~~
 22 ~~messages, email, online services or accounts, or Internet website~~
 23 ~~profiles or locations.]~~¹
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25 2. Section 9 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-22) is amended to read
 26 as follows:

27 9. In addition or as an alternative, as the case may be, to
 28 revoking, suspending or refusing to renew any license, registration
 29 or certificate issued by it, a board may, after affording an
 30 opportunity to be heard:

31 a. Issue a letter of warning, reprimand, or censure with regard
 32 to any act, conduct or practice which in the judgment of the board
 33 upon consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances does not
 34 warrant the initiation of formal action;

35 b. Assess civil penalties in accordance with this act;

36 c. Order that any person violating any provision of an act or
 37 regulation administered by such board to cease and desist from
 38 future violations thereof or to take such affirmative corrective
 39 action as may be necessary with regard to any act or practice found
 40 unlawful by the board;

41 d. Order any person found to have violated any provision of an
 42 act or regulation administered by such board to restore to any
 43 person aggrieved by an unlawful act or practice, any moneys or
 44 property, real or personal, acquired by means of such act or
 45 practice; provided, however, no board shall order restoration in a
 46 dollar amount greater than those moneys received by a licensee or

1 his agent or any other person violating the act or regulation
2 administered by the board;

3 e. Order any person, as a condition for continued, reinstated or
4 renewed licensure, to secure medical or such other professional
5 treatment as may be necessary to properly discharge licensee
6 functions;

7 f. Order any person, as a condition for continued, reinstated or
8 renewed licensure, to submit to any medical or diagnostic testing
9 and monitoring or psychological evaluation which may be required
10 to evaluate whether continued practice may jeopardize the safety
11 and welfare of the public;

12 g. Order any person, as a condition for continued, reinstated or
13 renewed licensure, to submit to an assessment of skills to determine
14 whether the licensee can continue to practice with reasonable skill
15 and safety, and to take and successfully complete educational
16 training determined by the board to be necessary;

17 h. Order any person, as a condition for continued, reinstated or
18 renewed licensure, to submit to an assessment of skills to determine
19 whether the licensee can continue to practice with reasonable skill
20 and safety, and to submit to any supervision, monitoring or
21 limitation on practice determined by the board to be necessary.

22 A board may, upon a duly verified application of the Attorney
23 General that either provides proof of a conviction of a court of
24 competent jurisdiction for a crime or offense involving moral
25 turpitude or relating adversely to the regulated profession or
26 occupation, or alleges an act or practice violating any provision of
27 an act or regulation administered by such board, enter a temporary
28 order suspending or limiting any license issued by the board
29 pending plenary hearing on an administrative complaint; provided,
30 however, no such temporary order shall be entered unless the
31 application made to the board palpably demonstrates a clear and
32 imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare and notice
33 of such application is given to the licensee affected by such order.
34 If, upon review of the Attorney General's application, the board
35 determines that, although no palpable demonstration of a clear and
36 imminent danger has been made, the licensee's continued
37 unrestricted practice pending plenary hearing may pose a risk to the
38 public health, safety and welfare, the board may order the licensee
39 to submit to medical or diagnostic testing and monitoring, or
40 psychological evaluation, or an assessment of skills to determine
41 whether the licensee can continue to practice with reasonable skill
42 and safety.

43 In any administrative proceeding commenced on a complaint
44 alleging a violation of an act or regulation administered by a board,
45 such board may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of
46 witnesses or the production of books, records, or documents at the
47 hearing on the complaint.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a board
2 shall not impose any penalties pursuant to this section on the holder
3 of a certificate, registration, or license based solely on the holder
4 engaging in reproductive health care activity, as defined in section 1
5 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
6 bill).

7 (cf: P.L.2001, c.307, s.2)

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9 3. Section 1 of P.L.2022, c.51 (C.2A:84A-22.18) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 1. As used in sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2022, c.51 (C.2A:84A-
12 22.18 and C.2A:84A-22.19):

13 "Person" includes an individual, partnership, association, limited
14 liability company, or corporation.

15 "Reproductive health care **【services】**" means all medical,
16 surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human
17 reproductive system including, but not limited to, services relating
18 to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a pregnancy **【**
19 activity】 shall have the same meaning as provided in section 1 of
20 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

21 a. Except as provided in sections 3 through 7 of P.L.1968,
22 c.185 (C.2A:84A-22.3 through 2A:84A-22.7), section 1 of
23 P.L.1970, c. 313 (C.2A:84A-22.8), section 29 of P.L.1968, c.401
24 (C.45:8B-29), and subsection b. of this section, in any civil action
25 or proceeding preliminary thereto or in any probate, legislative or
26 administrative proceeding, a covered entity, as set forth in the
27 medical privacy and security rules pursuant to Parts 160 and 164 of
28 Subchapter C of Subtitle A of Title 45 of the Code of Federal
29 Regulations, established pursuant to the "Health Insurance
30 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," Pub.L.104-191, shall
31 not disclose, unless the patient or that patient's conservator,
32 guardian, or other authorized legal representative explicitly
33 consents in writing to the disclosure:

34 (1) any communication made to the covered entity, or any
35 information obtained by the covered entity from, a patient or the
36 conservator, guardian, or other authorized legal representative of a
37 patient relating to reproductive health care **【services】 activity** that
38 **【are】 is** permitted under the laws of this State; or

39 (2) any information obtained by personal examination of a
40 patient relating to reproductive health care **【services】 activity** that
41 **【are】 is** permitted under the laws of this State.

42 A covered entity shall inform the patient or the patient's
43 conservator, guardian, or other authorized legal representative of
44 the patient's right to withhold such written consent at or before the
45 time reproductive health care **【services are】 activity is** rendered or
46 at such time as the patient discloses any information relating to

1 reproductive health care **【services】** activity that **【have been】** was
2 previously rendered.

3 b. Written consent of the patient or the patient's conservator,
4 guardian, or other authorized legal representative shall not be
5 required for the disclosure of any communication or information:

6 (1) pursuant to the laws of this State or the Rules of Court;

7 (2) by a covered entity against whom a claim has been made, or
8 there is a reasonable belief that a claim will be made, in an action or
9 proceeding, to the covered entity's attorney or professional liability
10 insurer or insurer's agent for use in the defense of the action or
11 proceeding;

12 (3) to the Commissioner of Health, Human Services, or Banking
13 and Insurance, or any professional licensing board operating under
14 the authority of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department
15 of Law and Public Safety for records of a patient of a covered entity
16 in connection with an investigation of a complaint, if the records are
17 related to the complaint; or

18 (4) if child abuse, abuse of an elderly individual, abuse of an
19 individual who is incapacitated, or abuse of an individual with a
20 physical or mental disability is known or in good faith suspected.

21 For the purposes of this paragraph, **【the provision of or material**
22 **support for】** reproductive health care **【services】** activity that **【are】**
23 is permitted under the laws of this State shall not constitute abuse.

24 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to conflict with or
25 displace any requirements or conditions for disclosure set forth
26 under 45 C.F.R. ss.160.203 and 164.514.

27 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede the
28 lawful sharing of medical records as permitted by State or federal
29 law or the Rules of Court.

30 (cf: P.L.2022, c.51, s.1)

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32 4. Section 17 of P.L.2004, c.17 (C.17:30D-22) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 17. a. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the
35 contrary, an insurer authorized to transact medical malpractice
36 liability insurance in this State shall not increase the premium of
37 any medical malpractice liability insurance policy based on a claim
38 of medical negligence or malpractice against the insured if the
39 insured is dismissed from an action alleging medical malpractice
40 within 180 days of the filing of the last responsive pleading.

41 b. An insurer authorized to transact medical malpractice liability
42 insurance in this State shall not take any adverse action, including
43 but not limited to, loss or denial of coverage, or imposition of
44 sanctions, fines, penalties, or rate increases, against an insured
45 licensed, certified, or registered in this State for reproductive health
46 care activity based on the fact that the patient receiving the service
47 is a resident of a state where those services are illegal, or based on a
48 revocation of an insured's license from another state or other

1 disciplinary action by another state that resulted solely from an
2 insured's reproductive health care activity, if the revocation or
3 disciplinary action was based on a violation of the other state's law
4 prohibiting the reproductive health care activity.

5 (cf: P.L.2004, c.17, s.17)

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7 5. (New section) a. A person is guilty of interference with
8 reproductive health care services if the person purposely or
9 knowingly:

10 (1) inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily injury on another person,
11 with purpose to unlawfully restrict another's access to or receipt or
12 provision of reproductive health care services or to intimidate the
13 person from becoming or remaining a patient, provider, volunteer,
14 or assistant of reproductive health care services, if the conduct
15 would cause a reasonable person to be intimidated;

16 (2) physically obstructs any person seeking to enter into or exit
17 from a health care services facility, with the purpose to unlawfully
18 restrict another's access to or receipt or provision of reproductive
19 health care services or to intimidate the person from becoming or
20 remaining a patient, provider, volunteer, or assistant of reproductive
21 health care services, if the conduct would cause a reasonable person
22 to be intimidated;

23 (3) ²by force or threat of force,² intimidates, threatens, or
24 coerces, or attempts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any person or
25 entity:

26 (a) because that person or entity is a reproductive health care
27 services patient, provider, volunteer, or assistant; or

28 (b) in order to intimidate a person or entity, or a class of persons
29 or entities, from becoming or remaining a patient, provider,
30 volunteer, or assistant of reproductive health care services; or

31 (4) damages, defaces, or destroys the property of a person,
32 entity, or facility, or attempts to do so, because the person, entity, or
33 facility provides, volunteers, assists with, or receives reproductive
34 health care services ²]; or

35 (5) causes a reasonable person to suffer damage to the person's
36 business or personal reputation, financial harm, or pain and
37 suffering, mental anguish, or emotional harm on the basis that the
38 person, entity, or facility provides, volunteers, assists with, or
39 receives reproductive health care services².

40 b. Interference with reproductive health care services is a crime
41 of the fourth degree, except that:

42 (1) it is a crime of the third degree if the victim suffers bodily
43 injury; and

44 (2) it is a crime of the second degree if the victim suffers
45 significant bodily injury or serious bodily injury.

46 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude or
47 limit in any way prosecution and conviction for any other offense
48 including, but not limited to, prosecution and conviction for assault

1 or aggravated assault pursuant to N.J.S.2C:12-1; terroristic threats
2 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:12-3; stalking pursuant to section 1 of
3 P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10); criminal coercion pursuant to
4 N.J.S.2C:13-5; or criminal trespass pursuant to N.J.S.2C:18-3.

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6 6. (New section) a. ²~~【A person who,】~~ An actor ³~~【who commits~~
7 a violation of this section】³ shall be liable to an aggrieved person, who
8 may bring a civil action in the Superior Court, if the actor ³~~【:~~

9 (1)² ~~】~~, ³ in violation of section 5 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
10 before the Legislature as this bill), commits an act of interference with
11 another person's reproductive health care services ²~~【shall be liable to~~
12 that aggrieved person, who may bring a civil action in the Superior
13 Court】 ³~~【; or~~

14 (2) causes a reasonable person to suffer damage to the person's
15 business or personal reputation, financial harm, or pain and suffering,
16 mental anguish, or emotional harm on the basis that the person, entity,
17 or facility provides, volunteers, assists with, or receives reproductive
18 health care services²~~】~~³.

19 b. The court may award:

20 (1) injunctive relief;

21 (2) compensatory damages in an amount not less than liquidated
22 damages computed at the rate of \$1,000 for each violation of section 5
23 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

24 (3) punitive damages upon proof of willful or reckless disregard of
25 the law;

26 (4) reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably
27 incurred; and

28 (5) any other preliminary and equitable relief as the court
29 determines to be appropriate.

30 c. A conviction for a violation of section 5 of
31 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall
32 not be a prerequisite for a civil action brought pursuant to this section.

33 d. A court may, in its discretion, permit a person aggrieved by a
34 violation of section 5 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
35 Legislature as this bill) to use a pseudonym in a civil action brought
36 pursuant to the provisions of this section when reasonably required to
37 safeguard the health, safety, or privacy of the person.

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39 7. (New section) a. The Attorney General or a county or
40 municipal prosecutor may bring a civil action to enjoin, on a
41 temporary, preliminary, or permanent basis, activity that constitutes
42 a violation of section 5 or 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
43 before the Legislature as this bill); for compensatory damages to
44 persons aggrieved by the violation; and for the assessment of a civil
45 penalty against each actor who violates section 5 or 6 of
46 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

1 b. The civil penalty imposed on each actor shall not exceed
2 \$10,000 for a first violation, and shall not exceed \$25,000 for a
3 second or subsequent violation.

4 c. In imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this section, the court
5 shall consider a prior violation of the federal Freedom of Access to
6 Clinic Entrances Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C., s.248, or a prior violation
7 of a statute of another jurisdiction that would constitute a violation
8 of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994,
9 18 U.S.C. s.248, to be a prior violation of sections 5 or 6 of
10 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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12 8. Section 1 of P.L.2022, c.50 (C.2A:160-14.1) is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2A:160-14, the
15 Governor shall not surrender, on demand of the executive authority
16 of any other state, any person who:

17 a. is found in this State;

18 b. was not in the state whose executive authority is making the
19 demand at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and has
20 not fled therefrom; and

21 c. is charged in the state whose executive authority is making
22 the demand **with providing, receiving, assisting in providing or**
23 **receiving, providing material support for, or traveling to obtain**
24 **based on reproductive health care services that are permitted under**
25 **the laws of this State activity, as defined in section 1 of**
26 **P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),**
27 including on any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy
28 liability.

29 **As used in this section, "reproductive health care services"**
30 **means all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating**
31 **to the human reproductive system including, but not limited to,**
32 **services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a**
33 **pregnancy.]**

34 (cf: P.L.2022, c.50, s.1)

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36 9. Section 2 of P.L.2022, c.51 (C.2A:84A-22.19) is amended to
37 read as follows:

38 2. A public entity of this State or employee, appointee, officer
39 or official or any other person acting on behalf of a public entity
40 shall not provide any information or expend or use time, money,
41 facilities, property, equipment, personnel or other resources in
42 furtherance of any interstate ¹or, to the extent permitted by federal
43 law, federal¹ investigation or proceeding seeking to impose civil or
44 criminal liability upon a person or entity for **]:**

45 (1) the provision, receipt, or seeking of, or inquiring or
46 responding to an inquiry about, reproductive health care services, as

1 defined in section 1 of P.L.2022, c.51 (C.2A:84A-22.18), that are
2 legal in this State; or

3 (2) assisting, advising, aiding, abetting, facilitating, soliciting, or
4 conspiring with any person or entity providing, receiving, seeking,
5 or inquiring or responding to an inquiry about ,**】** reproductive
6 health care **【services】** activity, as defined in section 1 of **【P.L.2022,**
7 c.51 (C.2A:84A-22.18), that are legal in this State**】**
8 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

9 This section shall not apply to any investigation or proceeding
10 when the conduct subject to potential liability under the
11 investigation or proceeding would be subject to liability under the
12 laws of this State if committed in this State. This section shall not
13 apply if it is necessary for the agency or person to engage in
14 conduct otherwise prohibited by this section in order to comply
15 with a valid order issued by a court with jurisdiction over the
16 agency or person, or to comply with applicable provisions of State
17 or federal law.

18 (cf: P.L.2022, c.51, s.2)

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20 10. (New section) With regard to a person who is charged with,
21 or is suspected or convicted of engaging in reproductive health care
22 activity, as defined in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
23 before the Legislature as this bill):

24 a. No State or local law enforcement agency or officer shall
25 knowingly arrest or participate in the arrest of the person, unless the
26 person has committed an offense or other violation of the laws of
27 this State that would subject the person to an arrest.

28 b. No State court, judicial officer, or court employee or clerk
29 shall issue a subpoena pursuant to the laws of another state, in
30 connection with a proceeding in another state, ¹or, to the extent
31 permitted by federal law, in connection with a proceeding initiated
32 by the federal government¹ regarding the person, unless the
33 subpoena is related to a legal proceeding for which the person
34 would be subject to a subpoena pursuant to the laws of this State
35 and the Rules of Court.

36 c. No State court or judicial officer shall issue a search warrant
37 to search for or seize any property in connection with a proceeding
38 in another state ¹, or, to the extent permitted by federal law, in
39 connection with a proceeding initiated by the federal government¹
40 regarding the person, unless the warrant is related to a legal
41 proceeding for which the person would be subject to a warrant
42 pursuant to the laws of this State.

43 d. No State court, judicial officer, court employee or clerk, or
44 authorized attorney shall issue an ex parte order for wiretapping to
45 obtain any wire, or any oral or electronic communication in
46 connection with a legal proceeding in another state ¹, or, to the
47 extent permitted by federal law, in connection with a proceeding

1 initiated by the federal government¹ regarding the person, unless
2 the person would be subject to an order for wiretapping under the
3 laws of this State.

4 e. No party shall submit an out-of-State summons for
5 discovery, or a witness to provide testimony, related to an interstate
6 or, to the extent permitted by federal law, federal¹ investigation or
7 proceeding that seeks to impose civil liability related to the person,
8 unless the summons is related to a legal proceeding for which the
9 person would be subject to prosecution or liability under the
10 investigation or proceeding would be subject to liability under the
11 laws of this State if committed in this State.

12 f. No person licensed pursuant to the “Private Detective Act of
13 1939,” P.L.1939, c.369 (C.45:19-8 et seq.), or the “Bounty Hunter
14 Licensing Act,” P.L.2005, c.376 (C.45:19-28 et seq.) shall
15 knowingly participate in the location or apprehension of the person.

16 g. This section shall apply to reproductive health care activity
17 within this State, and reproductive health care activity in
18 accordance with State law including, but not limited to, State law
19 governing telemedicine and telehealth services.
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21 11. (New section) a. A law ¹**[of another state]**¹ that authorizes
22 a person or government entity to bring a prosecution, civil action, or
23 any other legal action to deter, prevent, sanction, or punish any
24 person engaging in reproductive health care activity is against the
25 public policy of this State.

26 b. A law described in subsection a. of this section shall not be
27 applied to any matter, case, or controversy heard in a State court or
28 in an administrative tribunal of this State.

29 c. This section shall apply to reproductive health care activity
30 within this State, and reproductive health care activity in
31 accordance with State law including, but not limited to, State law
32 governing telemedicine and telehealth services.

33 d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an action
34 founded upon a tort, contract, or statute under the laws of this State,
35 or an action founded in tort, contract, or statute under the laws of
36 another state and for which a similar claim would exist under the
37 laws of this State including, but not limited to, an alleged act of
38 malpractice or negligence by a person in the person’s profession or
39 occupation.
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41 12. (New section) a. The provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)
42 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be liberally
43 construed to effect the purpose thereof.

44 b. The provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
45 Legislature as this bill) shall be severable, and if any of its
46 provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid,
47 the decision of the court shall not affect the validity of any of the

1 remaining provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
2 Legislature as this bill).
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4 13. (New section) The Commissioners of Health and Human
5 Services shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
6 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
7 seq.) as may be necessary to implement the provisions of
8 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
9 Notwithstanding any provision of the "Administrative Procedure
10 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the contrary, the
11 commissioners shall be authorized to adopt, immediately upon
12 filing with the Office of Administrative Law, rules and regulations
13 necessary to implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)
14 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The rules and
15 regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall be effective for a
16 period not to exceed 18 months following the date of filing, and
17 may thereafter be amended, adopted, or readopted by the
18 commissioners in accordance with the requirements of P.L.1968,
19 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).
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21 14. This act shall take effect immediately.