Act No. 47 (H.57). Health; reproductive rights

An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

This act establishes as a fundamental right the right to choose or refuse contraception or sterilization and the right to carry a pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion. It prohibits law enforcement from prosecuting an individual for inducing, performing, or attempting to induce or perform the person’s own abortion. The act also prohibits a governmental entity from:

- denying or interfering with a fundamental right as established by the act;
- depriving a person of the choice to have an abortion;
- interfering with or restricting the choice of a person to have an abortion;
- prohibiting a health care provider acting within the scope of the provider’s license from performing an abortion; or
- interfering with the choice of a health care provider acting within the scope of the provider’s license to provide an abortion.

The act also establishes a private right of action in Superior Court for a person injured as a result of a violation of the act.

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