

# Abortion Amendment

## Timeline

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### First Session: 2025

- The amendment has to be approved by both legislative chambers.
- Amendments cannot be vetoed by the governor.

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### Election: Nov 2025

- An election of the House of Delegates must occur before the amendment is taken up again.

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### Second Session: 2026

- The amendment is introduced again.
- The language of the amendment cannot be altered.
- The amendment must pass both chambers.

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### Ballot: 2026

- The bill as passed twice goes to the ballot for the people to decide.
- People vote yes/no to add the language to the state constitution.



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## What It Says

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right unless justified by a compelling state interest.

## What It Means

### Birthday Abortions

Abortion will be allowed up until the moment of birth for any reason. Currently Virginia allows abortions into the third trimester, with restrictions. That will no longer be the case under this amendment.

### Culture of Death

Under 50 years of Roe, the view of life decayed among Americans. Under this amendment, the respect for life will only worsen among Virginians. If we don't value life at its earliest stages, we won't value it at end of life.

### Exploitation of Embryos

The open-ended and undefined phrase "reproductive freedom" would allow for the unregulated sale and purchase of human embryos, and unethical research, commodifying human beings and leading to the exploitation of women.

### Parental Rights Undermined

Eliminates the right of parents to know about or consent to their young child's invasive abortion surgery.

### Transgender Surgeries

"Reproductive Freedom" is an umbrella term that is not limited to women. Under this amendment men, women, and minors would also have a right to sterilization and therefore transgender surgeries.

### Babies Left to Die

Babies who survive an abortion attempt will not be given reasonable, life saving care. Abortionists will be legally allowed to deliver the baby and let it die on a medical table.

### Countless More Deaths

Virginia saw over 38,500 children die in 2024 from abortion, and Virginia's annual volume of abortions grew 126% in the past 7 years. With no restrictions, no limits, and no life-saving measures, the lives lost will only increase.

### Abortion Tourism

Virginia will become the Abortion Capital of the South. Since Dobbs, there has already been a 30% increase in out-of-state abortions occurring in Virginia.