OHIO ABORTION LEGISLATION

A TIMELINE OF LAWS PASSED SINCE 2011

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2011

HB 63
Minors seeking abortion must get judicial bypass from court in their own or adjoining county; minors questioned about advice they got prior to court and their understanding of potential negative consequences of abortion.
Went into effect in 2012.

HB 79
Prohibits Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance programs from covering non-therapeutic abortions.
Went into effect in 2012.

2013

HB 153
Bans public facilities from providing non-therapeutic abortions; Extends ban on state funding of insurance plans that cover abortion; prevents local funding of those insurance plans.

HB 78
Bans abortion once viability confirmed; requires viability testing at 20th week of pregnancy; medical emergency exceptions but not for mental health.

HB 59
Creates Ohio Parenting & Pregnancy Program; permits use of TANF funds for crisis pregnancy centers but not programs that perform/counsel/refer for abortions;

Codifies the written transfer agreement requirement and removes the waiver option;

Restricts rape crisis funding so that only programs that don't counsel/refer survivors to abortion services are funded;

Prohibits abortion without testing for fetal heartbeat (medical emergency exception); if detected, doctor must recite legislatively-prescribed abortion counseling content.

2015

HB 64
Requires transfer agreements with hospitals within 30 miles of abortion provider;

Automatically denies variance applications after 60 days for clinics seeking variance to transfer agreement requirements;

Includes a provision that a clinic's license be automatically revoked if a variance is denied.
**provision currently enjoined*

2016

HB 294
Prohibits Planned Parenthood from receiving certain state and federal funds.
Went into effect in 2019.

SB 127
Bans abortion after 20 weeks post-fertilization (22 weeks since a pregnant person's last menstrual period).
Went into effect in 2017.

2017

HB 214
Prohibits abortion if sought wholly or in part due to a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis or indication;
Went into effect in 2021.

2018

SB 145
Bans dilation and evacuation, the most common second-trimester abortion procedure;
**partially enjoined*

2019

SB 23
Bans abortion after six weeks gestation;
**currently enjoined*

2020

SB 27
Requires fetal tissue from surgical abortions to be disposed of through cremation or interment.
**currently enjoined*

SB 260
Bans the use of telemedicine for medication abortion.
**currently enjoined*

2021

SB 157
Establishes new reporting requirements and stiffens penalties for failing to provide adequate medical care to a fetus born alive after an attempted abortion;

Prohibits abortion clinics from relying on back-up physicians who work with state-funded hospitals or medical schools.
Goes into effect in 2022.

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** Enjoined legislation is not currently in effect due to a court ruling.*

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