# Vermont



ACCESS FACT: 38% of Vermont women live in counties with no abortion clinic.\*

# Strongly Protected Access

# **Political Information**

#### EXECUTIVE

Governor Phil Scott (R) supports reproductive freedom.

# LEGISLATURE

The Vermont Senate supports reproductive freedom. The Vermont House supports reproductive freedom.

# Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

#### PROTECTIONS

NO - The Vermont state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.

YES - Vermont has an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

#### BANS

NO - Vermont does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

NO - Vermont does not unconstitutionally ban abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade.* 

NO - Vermont does not ban abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

# Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

#### EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

YES - Vermont expands the type of qualified healthcare professionals who can provide abortion services.

#### **CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS**

NO - Vermont treats abortion providers like other medical professionals.

#### **BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS**

NO - Vermont does not subject pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements or mandatory waiting periods.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

NO - Vermont does not restrict young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental notice or consent.

#### EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

NO - Vermont has not improved people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

#### **CLINIC PROTECTIONS**

NO - Vermont law does not protect people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

## **GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE**

#### **Prescription Guarantees**

NO - Vermont does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

#### **Healthcare Refusals**

**NO** - Vermont does not allow certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

#### **COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS**

NO - Vermont does not prohibit some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling and/or referring for abortion.

#### Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

# PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

YES - Vermont law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

**YES** - Vermont has expanded coverage for some Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

# PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

Vermont has no provision guaranteeing or restricting insurance coverage of abortion.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

YES - Vermont covers low-income people's access to medically necessary abortion care.

COLOR KEY: • Restricts Reproductive Freedom | • Shows Mixed Support for Reproductive Freedom | • Expands Reproductive Freedom

While these laws remain on the books, some have been temporarily or permanently blocked. For more information, please see Fast Facts.

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