

Understanding the

Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion





This is the Amendment verbiage that will be on the ballot

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

What does the Amendment Say?

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion

All Florida laws that regulate abortion would likely be nullified, including basic health and safety requirements for clinics – laws that almost everyone supports, whether they consider themselves to be pro-life or pro-choice.

What does the Amendment Say?

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion **before viability** or when necessary to protect the patient's health or the patient's healthcare provider. The amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

There is no standard definition for viability. The amendment leaves it up to the healthcare provider to define.

What does the Amendment Say?

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion before viability or **when necessary to protect the patient's health**, as determined by

The opponents of the amendment stated a woman who wants a post-viability (including late term or partial-birth) abortion will be able to find a "healthcare provider" willing to say an abortion is necessary to protect her health – physical, mental or otherwise.

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Any healthcare provider – not just doctors – could determine viability or exceptions for the patient's health. It could even be non-medical staff members of an abortion clinic.

Regulated Healthcare Practitioners in FL

Regulated Professions

[911 Public Safety Telecommunicator](#)
[Acupuncture](#)
[Advanced Practice Registered Nurse](#)
[Anesthesiologist Assistant](#)
[Athletic Trainer](#)
[Audiologist](#)
[Massage Therapist](#)
[Certified Chiropractic Physician Assistant](#)
[Certified Environmental Professional](#)
[Certified Master Social Work](#)
[Certified Nursing Assistant](#)

[Certified Podiatric X-Ray Assistant](#)
[Certified Respiratory Therapist](#)
[Occupational Therapist](#)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant](#)
[Optician](#)
[Optometrist](#)
[Orthotic Fitter](#)
[Orthotic Fitter Assistant](#)
[Orthotist](#)

[Emergency Allergy Treatment](#)
[Emergency Medical Technician](#)
[Genetic Counseling](#)
[Hearing Aid Specialist](#)
[Licensed Practical Nurse](#)
[Marriage and Family Therapist](#)
[Physical Therapist Assistant](#)
[Medical Doctor](#)

[Medical Physicist](#)
[Mental Health Counselor](#)
[Microblading/Permanent Cosmetics](#)
[Midwifery](#)
[Nursing Home Administrator](#)
[Registered Nurse](#)

[Registered Respiratory Therapist](#)
[School Psychologist](#)
[Septic Tank Contractor](#)
[Speech-Language Pathologist](#)
[Tattoo Artist](#)
[Telehealth](#)

[Osteopathic Physician](#)
[Paramedic](#)
[Pedorthist](#)
[Pharmacist](#)
[Pharmacy Technician](#)
[Physical Therapist](#)

[Physician Assistant](#)

[Podiatric Physician](#)
[Prosthetist](#)
[Psychologist](#)

[Radiologic Technologist](#)
[Chiropractic Physician](#)
[Clinical Laboratory Personnel](#)
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[Dental Hygienist](#)
[Dentist](#)
[Dietitian/Nutritionist](#)
[Electrologist](#)

What does the Amendment Say?

Note that there is parental NOTIFICATION with no timeframe defined. Parental CONSENT is no longer required. An underage child can have an abortion without her parent's consent.

the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

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What a “NO” vote means

A “NO” vote means abortion remains legal in the state of Florida under currently existing laws and regulations with exceptions as defined in the Heartbeat Protection Act.

Heartbeat Protection MYTHS

In response to misinformation campaigns, state health authorities have published standards of care stating the exceptions in the Heartbeat Protection Act.

Read the Myth vs Fact document on i4Catholics.org/Resources

Heartbeat Protection Act FACTS

The Act has exceptions for rape, incest, human trafficking, fatal fetal abnormality, life of the mother, and to avert serious, irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Appropriate treatment to ensure the health of the mother with PROM (premature rupture of membranes), ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, or a trophoblastic tumor, does not constitute an abortion.



Amendment 4

Makes abortion a constitutional right and allows unlimited abortions up to the moment of birth for almost any reason.



Amendment 4

**Does not limit abortion
regulation;
it prohibits abortion
regulation.**



Amendment 4

Conflicts with Article I Section 2 of the Florida Constitution which will lead to decades of litigation, wasting taxpayer money.



Amendment 4

Opens the door for pro-abortionists to challenge pregnancy centers and pro-life advocacy as unconstitutional.



Amendment 4

Would be almost impossible to overturn. If Amendment 4 is added to the constitution, overturning it requires another constitutional amendment.

Amendment 4 means

Overturning common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years including:

- **Ignoring basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed**
- **A physician is not required to perform abortions**
- **Informed consent requirements no longer apply**
- **Laws limiting public funding of abortion do not apply**
- **parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion no longer required.**

Justice Jamie R. Grosshans, Florida Supreme Court Judge states: A Voter may think...



...this amendment simply returns Florida to a pre-Dobbs status quo...

It does not.



...a healthcare provider would be clearly defined as a licensed physician specializing in women's health... **It is not.**

Justice Jamie R. Grosshans, Florida Supreme Court Judge states: A voter may think...



...that viability falls within a readily apparent time frame...**It does not.**



...that the comma is an insignificant grammatical tool that would have very little interpretive purpose...**It will not.**



**Justice Jamie R. Grosshans, Florida
Supreme Court Judge states:**



**And, critically, the voter may think
this amendment results in settling
this issue once and for all.**

It does not.



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Supreme Court Judge states:**



**This amendment returns abortion
issues back to the courts to
interpret scope, boundary,
definitions, and policy, effectively
removing it from the people and
their elected representatives.**

Ask yourself....

- ▶ **Why does the Amendment use the term Healthcare provider instead of doctor?**
- ▶ **Why is viability not defined?**
- ▶ **Why is there such a vague definition of health. Is it physical, emotional, mental, financial?**
- ▶ **Why is abortion the only healthcare procedure where a minor does not require parental consent?**



Dig Deeper

Do your own research and read the Florida Supreme Court decision.

Search for [SC2023-1392 Opinion - Florida's Supreme Court](#)

VOTE

NO

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