



**THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
CARE ACT OF 2018
(S 2163/H7340)**

**THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2018 WILL PROTECT RHODE ISLANDERS'
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS BY ENSURING ABORTION REMAINS SAFE AND LEGAL NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.**

FACT: Rhode Island voters support keeping abortion safe and legal by an overwhelming TWO-to-ONE margin!

- 63% of RI residents support keeping abortion legal in all/most cases, versus only 31% who opposed according to a January 2017 PEW Research Center poll¹

The RHCA places the main principle of *Roe v. Wade*, the US Supreme Court ruling that establishes the national right to abortion, into Rhode Island law.

Rhode Island Needs to Act Now

- RI has unconstitutional restrictions on the books that must be repealed
- RI received an 'F' grade in the 2016 NARAL Pro-Choice America report on state laws
- RI is rated as "*hostile*" to abortion rights by Guttmacher Institute

The RHCA will also repeal five (5) outdated state laws that are no longer enforceable (such as mandatory spousal involvement; possible imprisonment of abortion providers; no insurance coverage for abortion) due to Supreme Court and other court rulings. The bill also amends two (2) RI statutes to conform to local and federal standards.²

CALL & WRITE YOUR STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE TODAY

Ask them to support the Reproductive Health Care Act (S 2163/H 7340)

See the other side to find out how to contact your legislators.

¹ <http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/compare/views-about-abortion/by/state/>

² List of unconstitutional laws that have not yet been repealed from RI General Laws: Section 11-3, Section 11-23 -5; Section 23-4.8; Section 23-4.12; Section 27-18-28; additionally, Sections 36-12.1 and 42-12.3-3 will be amended to conform to federal standards.



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Elected officials need to hear from you and other constituents on the most important issues.

To find out who represents your legislative district, go to the RI Secretary of State's Voter Information Center. <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>

SAMPLE EMAIL AND PHONE CALL SCRIPT

Dear Senator/Representative,

As your constituent, I am writing to ask that you commit to protecting reproductive rights in Rhode Island by supporting the Reproductive Health Care Act (S 2163/H 7340).

The independent Pew Research Center found that RI residents support keeping abortion legal in all/most cases by a 2 to 1 margin (63% to 31%).

Medical decisions should be made by a patient and their medical provider, not politicians.

The Reproductive Health Care Act will protect Rhode Islanders' reproductive rights by ensuring abortion remains safe and legal regardless of what happens at the federal level.

Can I count on you to vote yes on the Reproductive Health Care Act?

Please reply to me at {insert your address, telephone number or email}.

Sincerely,

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