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AN ACT relative to a patient's right to appropriate reproductive care for medical conditions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Spahr, Graf. 12

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill affirms a patient's right to receive appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition when such care may include a procedure or medication that leaves the patient sterile or unable to have children.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 199:1 New Section; Physicians and Surgeons; Right to Appropriate Reproductive Care for Medical
2 Conditions. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 31-b the following new section:

3 329:31-c Right to Appropriate Reproductive Care for Medical Conditions.

4 I. If a patient who is 18 years of age or older has a medical condition for which a medically
5 advisable course of treatment or precautionary measure may include a procedure, medication, or
6 treatment that leaves the patient sterile or unable to have children, the physician shall not deny the
7 treatment on the basis of age, number of children, marital status, or fertility goals contrary to the patient's
8 statement. The physician may require the patient to sign an informed consent and waive all damages
9 from the procedure related to sterilization. A physician who violates this right may be subject to
10 disciplinary action by the board of medicine.

11 II. A patient who has signed an informed consent or a waiver and proceeds with appropriate
12 reproductive care for a medical condition shall have no civil right of action against any health care provider
13 or health care institution on the basis of the patient being rendered sterile or unable to have children. This
14 paragraph shall not provide immunity against any purposeful, reckless, or negligent act of a health care
15 provider or health care institution.

16 III. For purposes of this section, "medical condition" means any disease, disorder, syndrome,
17 symptoms, genetic predisposition or family medical history, or the state of being medicated, that either
18 affects the reproductive system, or makes reproduction not advisable either for the medical interest of the
19 patient or for potential children. "Appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition" shall include the
20 following: a hysterectomy (uterus), oophorectomy (ovaries), orchiectomy (testicles), salpingectomy
21 (fallopian tubes), endometrial ablation, or medications that may affect fertility. For the purposes of this
22 section, gender dysphoria shall not be considered a medical condition that affects the reproductive system
23 or makes reproduction inadvisable; however, a patient who has a medical condition as defined in this
24 paragraph shall not be denied a sterilizing treatment on the basis of having gender dysphoria.

25 IV. A patient who has been denied appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition as
26 defined in paragraph III may seek review of the decision by the board of medicine within 3 years of the last
27 denial to determine whether the denial was consistent with this section. A violation of this section shall be
28 subject to review and disciplinary action by the board of medicine in conjunction with the office of
29 professional licensure and certification under RSA 310, and shall not be subject to further civil liability or
30 criminal penalty.

31 199:2 New Paragraph; Board of Medicine; Rulemaking; Denial of Appropriate Reproductive Care for
32 Medical Conditions. Amend RSA 329:9 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

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- 1 XXII. Review of complaints asserting a violation of RSA 329:31-c, relative to appropriate
2 reproductive care for medical conditions, including disciplinary proceedings under RSA 310:10 and
3 assessment of fines under RSA 310:12.

199:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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Effective Date: September 13, 2025