

HB 606 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **606**

AN ACT relative to a patient's right to medically appropriate care for reproductive disorders.

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

ANALYSIS

This bill affirms a patient's right to medically appropriate care for certain reproductive disorders.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to a patient's right to medically appropriate care for reproductive disorders.

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

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

3 329:31-c Right to Medically Appropriate Care for Reproductive Disorders.

4 I. If a patient who is 18 years of age or older has a physiological medical condition for which
5 a medically advisable course of treatment may include a procedure that leaves the patient sterile
6 and unable to have children, the physician shall not deny the procedure on the basis of age, number
7 of children, or the physician's perception of the patient's future reproductive desires despite the
8 patient's statement to the contrary. The physician may require the patient to sign an informed
9 consent and waive all damages from the procedure related to sterilization only. A physician who
10 violates this right may be disciplined pursuant to chapter.

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

16 III. For purposes of this section, "medically appropriate care for a reproductive disorder"
17 shall include the following procedures: a hysterectomy (uterus), oophorectomy (ovaries), orchiectomy
18 (testicles), salpingectomy (fallopian tubes), and endometrial ablation.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.