

House Joint Resolution 10 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to the right to reproductive care.
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 26. **Right to reproductive care.**

6 1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's
7 reproductive freedom and an individual's most private decisions
8 concerning reproductive freedom shall not be infringed.

9 Reproductive freedom includes but is not limited to prenatal
10 care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization,
11 abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care. The
12 sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes the right to
13 reproductive freedom to be a fundamental individual right.

14 2. An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not
15 be denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a
16 compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive
17 means. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the
18 state may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal
19 viability, provided that under no circumstance shall the state
20 prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an
21 attending health care professional, is medically indicated to
22 protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant
23 individual.

24 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
25 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
26 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
27 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
28 provided by law for three consecutive months previous to the date
29 of that election.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
34 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right to
35 reproductive care specifying:

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16 attending health care professional, is medically indicated to
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18 individual.

19 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
20 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
21 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.