## Vermont

**ACCESS FACT:** 38% of Vermont women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

### Political Information

**EXECUTIVE**

Governor Phil Scott (R) supports reproductive freedom.

**LEGISLATURE**

The Vermont Senate supports reproductive freedom.
The Vermont House supports reproductive freedom.

### Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

**PROTECTIONS**

- NO - The Vermont state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.
- YES - Vermont has an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

**BANS**

- NO - Vermont does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.
- NO - Vermont does not unconstitutionally ban abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade*.
- NO - Vermont does not ban abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

### Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

**EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

- YES - Vermont expands the type of qualified healthcare professionals who can provide abortion services.

**CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS**

- NO - Vermont treats abortion providers like other medical professionals.

**BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS**

- NO - Vermont does not subject pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements or mandatory waiting periods.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION**

- NO - Vermont does not restrict young people’s access to abortion services by mandating parental notice or consent.

**EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION**

- NO - Vermont has not improved people’s access to emergency contraception in the ER.

**CLINIC PROTECTIONS**

- NO - Vermont law does not protect people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

**GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE**

### Prescription Guarantees

- NO - Vermont does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

**Healthcare Refusals**

- NO - Vermont does not allow certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

**COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS**

- NO - Vermont does not prohibit some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling and/or referring for abortion.

### Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

**PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION**

- YES - Vermont law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

**PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION**

- YES - Vermont has expanded coverage for some Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

**PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION**

Vermont has no provision guaranteeing or restricting insurance coverage of abortion.

**PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION**

- YES - Vermont covers low-income people’s access to medically necessary abortion care.

### COLOR KEY:

- ○ Restricts Reproductive Freedom
- ▼ Shows Mixed Support for Reproductive Freedom
- ☐ Expands Reproductive Freedom

While these laws remain on the books, some have been temporarily or permanently blocked. For more information, please see Fast Facts.

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*SOURCE: Guttmacher Institute, 2017 data*