

Abortion Method Ban

[SB 458](#) - [Sen. Brattin](#) (R-31, Harrisonville) • [HB 468](#) - [Rep. Dinkins](#) (R-144, Annapolis)

These bills do nothing to protect patients or improve health outcomes for Missourians. Like other anti-abortion bills, these measures are designed to spread misinformation, distort the truth, shame pregnant people and their doctors, and ultimately, ban abortion altogether.

We can all agree that a patient's health, not politics, should drive important medical decisions — but this measure forces doctors to put aside their best medical judgement and ignore a patient's personal medical circumstances.

- SB 458 and HB 468 would ban the standard abortion procedure after 14-15 weeks of pregnancy — replacing a doctor's medical judgment with political interference. *This is exactly why legislators do not belong in the exam room.*
- Major mainstream medical experts like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists [oppose](#) these measures, calling them “legislative interference at its worst: doctors will be forced, by ill-advised, unscientifically motivated policy, to provide lesser care to patients. This is unacceptable.”
- We cannot allow those who want to put abortion completely out of reach to pass another law that interferes with a physician's ability to practice medicine.

This puts politics over patients, banning a very safe method of abortion that is the standard for many physicians.

- This ban could result in physicians being forced to perform additional and unnecessary invasive procedures that increase risks for patients.
- Medicine cannot be one-size-fits-all. Doctors should be able to provide the care that is best for each person — *which is why politicians do not belong in the exam room.*

We will not allow anti-abortion politicians to threaten doctors for doing their jobs and shame patients who need access to abortion.

- These bills threaten doctors with the loss of their medical license and up to four years in prison just for doing their jobs.

These bills are part of a broader agenda to ban safe, legal abortion in Missouri.

- The politicians pushing this bill have one motive: to ban safe, legal abortion in Missouri. Their strategy is to pass laws that push patients later into pregnancy, and then ban the procedures that are still available to them at that point in pregnancy.
- Anti-abortion politicians in Missouri *continue* to waste taxpayers' time and money trying to restrict and ultimately ban safe, legal abortion. Enough is enough.



Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri

**We deserve elected leaders who will focus on improving Missourians' health outcomes
— not attacking patients and doctors.**

- Missouri has the nation's 7th highest maternal mortality rate, and Black women are three to four times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related complications. This attack on patients and doctors will do *nothing* to improve the health of pregnant and birthing people in Missouri.