



MICHIGAN NOW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislatively, the Michigan Reps and Senators produces two kinds of bills: (1) Those that will take away women's rights (have a high probability of passing); and (2) Those that will enhance or protect our rights (these will sit in a drawer and never see the light of day, a committee hearing, or a committee vote). So, our task is to bring the good bills to a hearing through pressure on the committee chairs and the Speaker of the House. Contact your House Rep. and your Senator and tell them to vote "NO" on the bills we oppose, and to bring out of committee with a "YES" vote those we support. If your Rep or your Senator has not co-sponsored the bills we support, ask him/her to sign on as a co-sponsor. Go to the Michigan NOW website if you need help locating and contacting your Rep or Senator. Look under the **Legislative** tab (www.michnow.org).

LET THEM KNOW THAT FEMINISTS ARE WATCHING!!

BILLS WE SUPPORT



RESTORING OR PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FOR ABORTION RIGHTS

- SB 451 – HB 4763 PROHIBITION ON LAWS OR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT PLACE A BURDEN ON ACCESS TO ABORTION (Creates a new act).
- SB 452 – HB 4760 INFORMED CONSENT PROVISION; REMOVE 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION
- SB 453 – HB 4765 HEALTH FACILITIES' REFUSAL TO PROVIDE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES; PROHIBIT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
- SB 454 – HB 4761 INSURANCE; HEALTH BENEFITS; ABORTION INSURANCE OPT-OUT ACT; REPEAL
- HB 4762 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS; PHYSICIANS; GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE WITH PHYSICIAN-PATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS; PROHIBIT

ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR WOMEN

- HB 4307 REQUIRES PAID SICK LEAVE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES
- HB 4514 AMENDS ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT TO REQUIRE EQUAL PAY FOR ALL MEN AND WOMEN DOING THE SAME WORK
- SB 325 REQUIRES DEPT OF TALENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO WORK TOWARD FULL EMPLOYMENT AND REDUCTION OF WAGE DISPARITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
- HB 4799 REQUIRES FREE COVERAGE OF BIRTH CONTROL FOR HEALTH INSURERS

GENDER AND SEX

- SB 424 CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS AGAINST SEX DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS; APPLIES TO STATE AGENCIES

- SB 275 – HB 4355 REMOVES IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR PROSTITUTION-RELATED OFFENSES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

- HB 4096 PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS TO INCORPORATE CHILD CUSTODY AND CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT
- SB 152 INCREASES PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT FROM CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR PERFORMING SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATION/RELATED SERVICES

BILLS WE OPPOSE

- HB 4500 AMENDS THE VICTIM COUNT IN SENTENCING GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE A FETUS AS ANOTHER VICTIM OF A CRIME IF A WOMAN IS PREGNANT. THIS BILL IS JUST ANOTHER REACH TO DEFINE A FETUS AS A PERSON UNDER THE LAW.
- HB 4552 METHODS OF ABORTION; REMOVES THE SAFEST METHOD FROM ALLOWABLE PRACTICE
- HB 4620 REMOVES STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR INJURIES AS A RESULT OF ABORTION
- HB 4467 REQUIRES DETECTION OF FETAL HEARTBEAT BEFORE PERFORMING AN ABORTION
- HB 4221 PROHIBITS STATE CONTRACTS WITH ABORTION PROVIDERS
- HB 4691 REQUIRES JOINT CUSTODY IN CONTESTED CHILD CUSTODY CASES, PLACES BURDEN ON PARENT TO SHOW WHY JOINT CUSTODY IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHILD, REMOVES DISCRETION FROM COURTS (NOW testified against this bill).

For an example why HB 4691 is so important, see the recent Detroit News article, *Michigan rapist gets joint custody*, by Mike Martindale, The Detroit News Published 3:52 p.m. ET Oct. 6, 2017 | Updated 11:32 p.m. ET Oct. 6, 2017.



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