



Comparing the **Reproductive Health Care Act of 2019 (H 5127)** with the **Reproductive Privacy Act (H 5125)**

The *Reproductive Health Care Act of 2019 (RHCA)* would preserve the current legal framework for abortion in Rhode Island law no matter what happens at the federal level.

The *Reproductive Privacy Act*, introduced as an alternative to the RHCA, differs significantly from the RHCA and thus falls short of being an appropriate alternative.

| Does the legislation: | RHCA | RPA |
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| Have a majority of the Rhode Island House of Representatives (a record 39 members) as cosponsors? | ✓ | ✗ |
| Unambiguously codify the rights established in <i>Roe v. Wade</i> as a right under state law? | ✓ | ✗ |
| Repeal all state statutes that are currently unconstitutional and unenforceable under <i>Roe</i> that remain in the R.I. General Laws? | ✓ | ✗ |
| Repeal the unconstitutional and unenforceable so-called “Partial Birth Abortion” law that would have banned the most common medical procedure used in second trimester abortions in Rhode Island? | ✓ | ✗ |
| Prevent creation of a new “fetal homicide” law that would treat a fetus as a person, by repealing the entire antiquated and unconstitutional “quick child” provision of R.I. law? | ✓ | ✗ |
| Refrain from including language that could allow other state and federal laws to be misapplied to interfere with reproductive rights? | ✓ | ✗ |

CONCLUSION

The *Reproductive Privacy Act* should either be amended to mirror the *RHCA*, or else rejected in favor of the *RHCA*, which is the only bill that truly meets the goal of codifying *Roe* into state law.