



Senate Education and Health

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SB 743

Reproductive health care services; prohibitions on extradition for certain crimes.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB 743. The right to reproductive health care is a basic human right that is legal in Virginia. Citizens and residents of Virginia and visitors to the Commonwealth must be able to rely upon the laws of Virginia to apply within Virginia. This means that individuals who perform or receive reproductive health services that are **legal** in Virginia **while** in Virginia should not face prosecution in another state. Several states have taken away or severely restricted those rights, forcing individuals to seek needed reproductive health care elsewhere. Our governor should not allow the prosecution of individuals who choose to use the health care services that are available to, and utilized by, our fellow Commonwealth residents. Medical health professionals should not fear repercussions for performing their duty of providing health care to patients. Safeguards need to be in place to protect individuals who provide or receive legal reproductive healthcare services in Virginia. This bill enshrines such protections.