

Abortion: History, Current Law & Abortion Bills Pending

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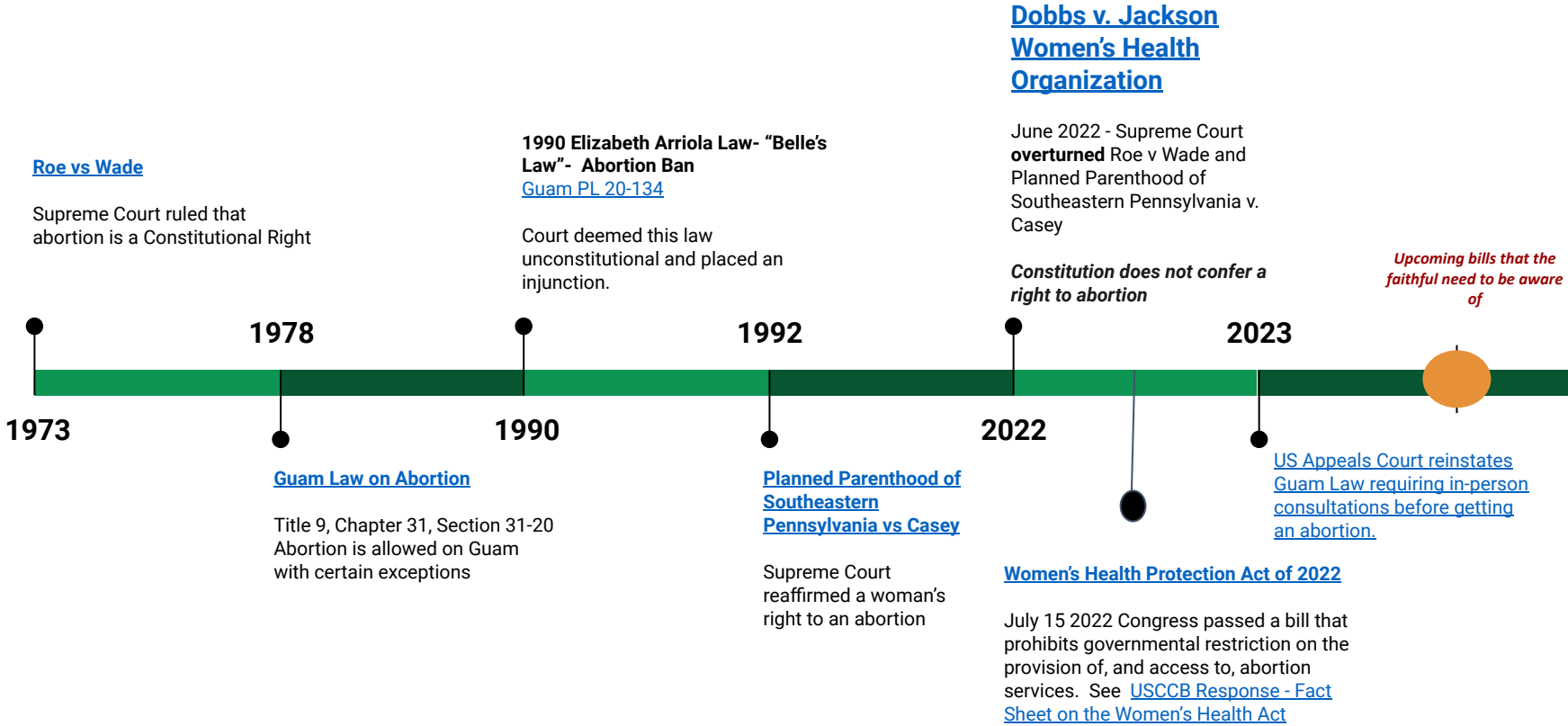
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Timeline of Abortion Laws



Why do we need to know the history of abortion laws?

Pro-Choice movement is moving very fast to push for pro-abortion laws since Roe v Wade was overturned in June 2022.

Pending Abortion Bills aim to **drastically** change current abortion laws on Guam:

Anyone can do an abortion, any time and any place, without restrictions, limitations, and accountability.

Any delay or hindrance of an abortion may result in prosecution and or civil suits.

Current Law on Guam

- Abortion is legal on Guam!
 - Up to 13 weeks
 - Up to 26 weeks if a doctor determines grave child defect(s) and or major health risks to mother.
 - After 26 weeks, still possible with doctor's determination...
- Doctors are legally bound to report any partial abortion and complete abortions.
 - Most doctors choose **NOT** to perform abortions due to the stigma and familial ties
 - Known fact that abortions still take place without reporting...

Refer to supplemental handout taken from the website:

<http://www.helpthemboth.org/2018/02/a-survey-of-guam-abortion-laws.html>

On the chopping block

- Reporting requirements from doctors
- Women's Reproduction Information Act (2012)
- In-person consultation and informed consent
- Parental consent

Making a comeback in legislation bills... (wording used in proposed bills)

- Partial birth abortion
- Abortion up to birth

2022-2023
Lawsuits
involving
Guam
abortion laws



2023
Proposed
pro-abortion
bills will be
presented on
Guam
Legislature floor
within the next
few weeks

Lawsuit involving [PL 20-134 \(Belle Arriola's Law\)](#)

- Bans abortion with few exceptions
- Referendum for people to vote and decide abortion on Guam
- Deemed unconstitutional
 - Injunction
- Dormant for 30 years
- 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson
- 2023 AG Moylan seeks to revive



Proposed Pro-Abortion Bills

- [Bills 106-37 with referendum](#)
- [Bill 111-37 without referendum](#)

Proposed Bill 106-37 (April 28, 2023)

Summary of Comments:

- Proposes new abortion law- wiping out current law
- Language is misleading...
 - Woke language: “Pregnant People”
- Severability Clause
- Health Care Provider definition– Anyone can do an abortion
- Uses the same wording as the [Women’s Health Protection Act of 2022](#),
 - Refer to Handout
- Wording on the referendum is misleading:
 - Shall the Reproduction Health Act (aka *Women’s Health Protection Act (2023)*)
 - If you vote yes, the entire abortion law will be replaced
 - No discussion on if you vote “no”

Referendum- means asking the public to decide

Consequences of [Bill 106-37](#)

- Completely removes restrictions and rewrites all the abortion laws of Guam...
- Partial birth abortion is ALLOWED/ parental consent is gone...
- Abortion up to birth is legal....
- Don't have to be a doctor at any location....
- No reporting requirements.
- No follow up care...
- No counseling.... Free for all!
- No health safety regulations....
- Prosecution and or civil suits may result for any hindrance of an abortion.
- Praying outside an abortion clinic becomes a criminal offense
- Praying in public with an Anti-Abortion sign could be considered criminal and a civil lawsuit can also be brought against you

Bill 111-37

Comments on this bill:

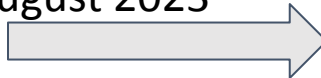
- Mirrors [106-37](#) except that it does not include the Referendum
- Comments is the same as for the bill No. [106-37](#), excluding the referendum comments.

Lawsuit involving - Rado & Kaneshiro vs GovGuam

- [Guam PL 31-235- The Women's Reproductive Health Information Act of 2012](#)
 - Informed Consent
 - In-person requirement
- [9th Court Ruled with Opinion \(08/01/2023\)](#)
- 9th Circuit Judges ruled that the

In-Person Requirement had to be met

This Opinion STOPPED Telemedicine
Abortion!!! Effective end of August 2023



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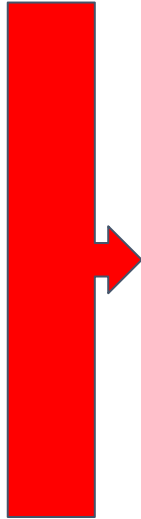
- [Bill 162-37](#) (08/08/23)

Bill 162-37 (introduced August 8, 2023)

- Amends the [PL 31-235- The Women's Reproductive Health Information Act of 2012](#)
 - Removing all in-person requirements
- Allows for telemedicine
- Proposes to increase sex education with emphasis on contraception and accessibility to contraception in public schools.
 - May require condoms and birth control pills to be made available in schools
- Misleading language “Caring for women and babies in the womb”
Bill says the opposite...

Summary of Proposed bills that are challenging Guam's current law...

- [Bill 106-37 with referendum](#)
(Proposed on April 28, 2023)
- [Bill 111-37 without referendum](#)
(Proposed on May 03, 2023)
- [Bill 162-37](#)
(Proposed on August 08, 2023)



- Abortion will be allowed anytime, anywhere, and may be done by anyone
- Any delays in abortion, may result in prosecution from AG and or civil suits
- No limitations/ No requirements
- No accountability

References

- [USCCB resources on abortion](#)
 - The Truth about Abortion & Women's Health
 - Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization
 - Chemical Abortion
 - Taxpayer- Funded Abortion
 - Church Teachings
- [Evangelium Vitae, JPPII](#)
- [Help them both website](#)
- [Priests for Life](#)
- [USCCB Pro-Life Website](#)

Considerations...

- Implement Pro-Life programs and activities in the parish
 - [Respect Life Resources Website](#)
 - [Action Guides](#): Ready-to-go parish resources
- Prayer Groups just for this intention
- Counsel parishioners who are ***pro-abortion***

Considerations...

- Establish a Parish Pro-Life Committee
- Ask for a volunteer to be a Parish Representative at CPLC meetings
- Include intentions to end abortion and euthanasia in all Masses



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