

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. GONZALEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring one hundred foot buffer zones around abortion clinics

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2599-bbb to read as follows:

3 § 2599-bbb. Buffer zones. 1. Every reproductive health care facility  
4 offering abortion care shall maintain a one hundred foot buffer zone  
5 around any entrance to such clinic to allow patients to enter such clin-  
6 ics without harassment.

7 2. For the purposes of this section, "harassment" shall mean:

8 (a) To knowingly physically obstruct or block another person from  
9 entering into or exiting from the premises of a reproductive health care  
10 facility by physically striking, shoving, restraining, grabbing, or  
11 otherwise subjecting a person to unwanted physical contact, or attempt-  
12 ing to do the same;

13 (b) To knowingly obstruct or block the premises of a reproductive  
14 health care facility, so as to impede access to or from the facility, or  
15 to attempt to do the same;

16 (c) To follow another person within one hundred feet of the premises  
17 of a reproductive health care facility;

18 (d) To engage in a course of conduct or repeatedly commit acts within  
19 one hundred feet of the premises of a reproductive health care facility  
20 when such behavior places another person in reasonable fear of physical  
21 harm, or to attempt to do the same;

22 (e) To physically damage a reproductive health care facility so as to  
23 interfere with its operation, or to attempt to do the same; or

24 (f) To knowingly interfere with the operation of a reproductive health  
25 care facility, or to attempt to do the same, by activities that include,  
26 but are not limited to, interfering with, or attempting to interfere  
27 with (i) medical procedures being performed at such facility or (ii) the  
28 delivery of goods to such facility.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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