

NYS Constitution - Equality Amendment Bill

The Long Island Coalition for Life continues to educate you on the threat of the ballot proposal this November to amend the NYS Constitution. The so-called Equality Amendment (Bill S.108-A-Krueger/A.1283-Seawright) states that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or be subjected to any discrimination in their civil rights based on a list of protected classes. The current clause of the constitution includes only race, color, creed and religion. The proposed changes include adding “pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.” It also adds “age’ without any exclusion of minors.

Here are comments from a few of the organizations trying to rally pro-life and pro-family citizens to stop passage of the amendment.

- ✓ “While there is no explicit reference to abortion, some of the amendment’s ramifications and impacts include:... abortion will be officially codified in NY. Abortion rights will be woven into the fabric of our neighborhoods, communities, towns and cities. Perhaps, most poignantly, the “right” to kill unborn children will be sewn into the hearts and minds of future generations and government policies and practices.” (Feminists Choosing Life of New York)
- ✓ “Including “reproductive healthcare and autonomy” in the litany of protected classes in Section 11 of the New York State Constitution is another unnecessary step in the state’s quest to be the abortion capital of the country. The amendment is gratuitous, as abortion is already legal in New York with virtually no restrictions, and has, in fact, been declared a “fundamental right” by the Reproductive Health Act of 2019. Unfortunately, this bill solidifies the message that New York has been sending women for some time now: abortion is positive, empowering, and the key to success. This couldn’t be further from the truth.” (NYS Catholic Conference)
- ✓ “The State Constitution supersedes any current laws on the books....The New York State government could have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for their minor children.” (The Coalition to Protect Kids New York)

Help protect preborn children! Are you registered to vote? Please educate others about the dangers of this ballot proposal.

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