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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

**Legislative Priorities for Reproductive Rights 2017**

***The League of Women Voters believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices****.*

**LWVNM supports**

**HB179 Reps. Chasey, Armstrong, Ferrary** **Pregnant Worker Accommodation**

This would prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth or a related condition and require that employers make reasonable accommodation for such condition.

**HB 284** **Reps. Armstrong, Roybal Caballero**, **Health Care Coverage for Contraception**

 **Ferrary. Christine Trujillo, Linda Trujillo**

This would require coverage for contraception under the Health Care Purchasing Act, the NM Insurance Code and the Health Maintenance Organization Law. It would also establish dispensing requirements under the Public Health Assistance Act for a 12-month supply of contraceptive drugs or devices.

**SB282** **Sen. Ortiz y Pino** **Hospital Patient Protections**

This would establish a hospital patient's right to reproductive health service if withholding that service would result in a serious risk to the patient's life or health, and it would allow a health care practitioner to provide information, referral and/or service in such cases. Civil damages are established.

**LWVNM opposes**:

**HB37 Reps. Montoya, Gallegos, Little, Herrell Born Alive Infant Protection**

**HB220**  **Reps. Herrell, Gallegos,** **Little, Montoya** **Partial and Late-Term Abortion**

**HB221** **Reps. Little, Herrell**, **Gallegos, Montoya** **Parental Notification of Abortion**

**SB183** **Sen. Sharer**, **Rep. Gallegos** **Partial and Late-Term Abortion**

LWVNM supports legislation that acknowledges the need for reproductive health care and opposes legislation designed to eliminate access to safe and legal abortion.

LWVNM will provide ongoing advocacy during the 2017 session and will provide statewide educational programs on reproductive rights for its members and the public.

LWVNM is working to protect gains made in New Mexico under the Affordable Care Act and is allied with several other groups in this effort. Repeal of the ACA poses a threat to women's reproductive health care.

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