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AN ACT barring extradition of persons ¹[in] <u>under</u>¹ certain 1 2 circumstances ¹related to actions concerning reproductive health care services¹ and ¹[amending N.J.S.2A:160-14] supplementing 3 4 chapter 160 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes¹. 5 6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 7 of New Jersey: 8 9 ¹[1. N.J.S.2A:160-14 is amended to read as follows: The [governor] Governor of this [state] State may also 10 11 surrender, on demand of the executive authority of any other state, 12 any person in this [state] State charged in [such] the other state in the manner provided in section N.J.S. 2A:160-11 [of this title] with 13 14 committing an act in this [state] State, or in a third state, 15 intentionally resulting in a crime in the state whose executive 16 authority is making the demand, and the provisions of this article 17 not otherwise inconsistent shall apply to such cases, even though 18 the accused was not in that state at the time of the commission of the crime, and has not fled therefrom. This provision shall not 19 20 apply in instances where the crime for which extradition is sought 21 relates to reproductive health services and would not be punishable 22 by the laws of this State. 23 As used in this section "reproductive health services" means 24 medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to 25 pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy. 26 (cf: P.L.1951 (1st SS), c.344)]¹ 27 28 29 ¹1. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2A:160-14, the Governor shall not surrender, on demand of the executive authority 30 31 of any other state, any person who: 32 a. is found in this State; 33 b. was not in the state whose executive authority is making the 34 demand at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and has 35 not fled therefrom; and 36 c. is charged in the state whose executive authority is making 37 the demand with providing, receiving, assisting in providing or 38 receiving, providing material support for, or traveling to obtain 39 reproductive health care services that are permitted under the laws 40 of this State, including on any theory of vicarious, joint, several or 41 conspiracy liability.

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Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: ¹Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted June 27, 2022.

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1 As used in this section, "reproductive health care services" 2 means all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system including, but not limited to, 3 4 services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a 5 pregnancy.¹ 6 7 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 8 9 10 11 Prohibits extradition of individual from another state back to that

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state for actions related to conduct concerning reproductive health
care services lawful in this State.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3974 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2022

Sponsored by: Assemblywoman LISA SWAIN District 38 (Bergen and Passaic) Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY District 27 (Essex and Morris) Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits extradition of individual to another state if conduct relates to reproductive health services and is legal in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2022)

1 AN ACT barring extradition of persons in certain circumstances and 2 amending N.J.S.2A:160-14. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. N.J.S.2A:160-14 is amended to read as follows: 8 The [governor] Governor of this [state] State may also 9 surrender, on demand of the executive authority of any other state, 10 any person in this [state] State charged in [such] the other state in the manner provided in section N.J.S. 2A:160-11 [of this title] with 11 12 committing an act in this [state] State, or in a third state, intentionally resulting in a crime in the state whose executive 13 14 authority is making the demand, and the provisions of this article not otherwise inconsistent shall apply to such cases, even though 15 16 the accused was not in that state at the time of the commission of 17 the crime, and has not fled therefrom. This provision shall not 18 apply in instances where the crime for which extradition is sought 19 relates to reproductive health services and would not be punishable 20 by the laws of this State. As used in this section "reproductive health services" means 21 22 medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the 23 human reproductive system, including services relating to 24 pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy. 25 (cf: P.L.1951 (1st SS), c.344) 26 27 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 28 29 30 **STATEMENT** 31 32 Pursuant to the "New Jersey Uniform Criminal Extradition Law," N.J.S.A.2A:160-9 et seq., the Governor is permitted to 33 34 surrender, upon demand of the executive authority of any other 35 state, any person in this State charged in such other state with 36 committing an act in this State, or in a third state, intentionally 37 resulting in a crime. This bill restricts that authority in instances where the crime for which extradition is sought relates to 38 39 reproductive health services and would not be punishable by the 40 laws of this State. Under the bill, "reproductive health services" 41 means medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to 42 the human reproductive system, including services relating to 43 pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy. Effectively, this bill 44 would prohibit an individual from being extradited to another state 45 if the person is accused of conduct related to reproductive health 46 services that is legal in New Jersey.

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STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2022

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3974, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No.3974 prohibits persons from being extradited to another state under certain circumstances related to reproductive health care services.

Pursuant to the New Jersey "uniform criminal extradition law," N.J.S.2A:160-9 et seq., the Governor is permitted to surrender, upon demand of the executive authority of any other state, any person located in this State charged in the other state with committing an act in this State, or in a third state, intentionally resulting in a crime. The amended bill would restrict that authority under the following circumstances:

- the person is charged in the state whose executive authority is making the demand with providing, receiving, assisting in providing or receiving, providing material support for, or traveling to obtain reproductive health care services that are permitted under the laws of this State, including on any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability; and

- the person was not in the state whose executive authority is making the demand at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and has not fled therefrom.

The amended bill defines "reproductive health care services" as all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including, but not limited to, services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a pregnancy.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) clarify the circumstances under which the Governor would not exercise any authority to extradite a person back to the state of the demanding executive authority, as explained above; and

(2) revise the bill's title and synopsis to reflect the changes made by the amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 2642 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 2022

Sponsored by: Senator NIA H. GILL District 34 (Essex and Passaic) Senator GORDON M. JOHNSON District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2022)

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2642

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2022

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2642, with committee amendments.

Pursuant to the New Jersey "uniform criminal extradition law," N.J.S.2A:160-9 et seq., the Governor is permitted to surrender, upon demand of the executive authority of any other state, any person located in this State charged in such other state with committing an act in this State, or in a third state, intentionally resulting in a crime occurring in the other state. <u>See, e.g., In re Application of Mahler</u>, 177 N.J. Super. 337 (App. Div.), <u>certif. denied</u>, 87 N.J. 349 (1981) (corporate employees illegally dumping hazardous waste near New Jersey river which polluted river downstream in Pennsylvania extradited to that state after charged there for criminal polluting). This bill would restrict the Governor's discretionary extradition authority under the following circumstances:

- the person is charged in the state whose executive authority is making the demand with providing, receiving, assisting in providing or receiving, providing material support for, or traveling to obtain reproductive health care services that are permitted under the laws of this State, including on any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability; and

- the person was not in the state whose executive authority is making the demand at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and has not fled therefrom.

The bill defines "reproductive health care services" as "all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system including, but not limited to, services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a pregnancy."

The committee amendments to the bill:

- more clearly describe the circumstances under which the Governor would not exercise any authority to extradite a person back to the state of the demanding executive authority, as explained above; and

- revise the bill's title and synopsis to more accurately reflect the changes made by the amendments.

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Protect Reproductive Health Care Providers and Out-of-State Residents Seeking Reproductive Services in New Jersey

07/1/2022

TRENTON – With abortion expected to become illegal or heavily restricted in about half of all states now that the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade, Governor Phil Murphy today signed two bills to protect individuals who receive and provide reproductive health care services in New Jersey.

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"While the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs may be among the most devastating and profoundly wrong rulings in American history, it will not stop us from using every available tool to continue protecting the right to choose," **said Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin.** "These two critical laws further our commitment to protecting abortion rights for New Jersey residents and anyone else who comes to our State seeking care. These laws also provide critical protections for health care providers and for patients' privacy. I am grateful for Governor Murphy's commitment to protecting women's rights and reproductive freedom, and I am grateful to the Legislature for passing these important bills."

The legislation establishes protections for patients and providers. For patients, the legislation helps ensure residents of other states who seek reproductive health care in New Jersey can access confidential care without fear of prosecution. For providers, the legislation insulates healthcare practitioners from New Jersey-initiated disciplinary actions based on the provision of reproductive health care, including abortion, that is legal in New Jersey.

The first bill (A-3975/S-2633) would generally prevent the disclosure of a patient's medical records related to reproductive health care without their consent in any civil, probate, legislative or administrative proceeding. It would also prohibit public entities and employees from cooperating with interstate investigations aiming to hold someone liable for seeking, receiving, facilitating, or providing reproductive health care services that are legal in New Jersey.

It would further protect providers by prohibiting New Jersey licensing boards from suspending, revoking, or refusing to renew the license or registration of a professional based solely on their involvement in the provision of reproductive health care services.

The second bill (A-3974/S-2642) would prevent the extradition of an individual within New Jersey to another state for receiving, providing, or facilitating reproductive health care services that are legal in New Jersey.

Primary sponsors of both bills include Senators Nia Gill, Nellie Pou, and Gordon Johnson, and Assembly members Lisa Swain, Mila Jasey, and Raj Mukherji.

"Last week, the Supreme Court took a drastic step backwards by repealing a landmark decision that was the cornerstone for protecting reproductive freedom in America. This decision has been the catalyst for continued efforts to enact more robust laws that amplify and defend a woman's right to choose in New Jersey," **said Senate Majority Leader M. Teresa Ruiz.** "Because of the provisions that are being enacted today, the ability to seek out and receive safe and legal reproductive health services will become a guaranteed right for all who wish to access them in our state. While this does not change the tragic reality for many individuals living in places where reproductive rights have been stripped away, anyone who chooses to come to New Jersey and receive an abortion will be safeguarded from facing criminal charges in their home state. I am proud to lead and govern in a state where the value and importance of ensuring the right to choose is prioritized and respected." "I would like to thank the Governor for signing these key measures to protect the right for anyone to receive an abortion in this State into law today," **said Senator Nia Gill.** "The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has left millions of women devastated, as their right to make their own health decisions is now in jeopardy. With this legislation in place, anyone, regardless of where they are from, can receive reproductive health services in this state and will be protected under New Jersey State Law. Our state has a duty to defend those engaging in their reproductive rights from punitive out-of-state restrictions on their freedoms, and I am happy to say that the right to choose is a sacred right for all in New Jersey."

"The Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v. Wade notwithstanding, we in New Jersey believe that questions and decisions regarding a person's reproductive health care and well-being are private, and should be best left to the individual and their provider. These bills are meant to bolster that basic right to access quality and safe reproductive health care to all New Jersey residents, and also to protect those from outside who might come to our state seeking health services that are unavailable to them at home," **said Senator Nellie Pou.** "The fundamental right to privacy that was part of the original Roe decision is still relevant today, and is also integral to these new laws that will offer basic protection for those seeking and those administering reproductive health care in New Jersey."

"Access to reproductive health services are vital to a woman's overall health and well-being. In the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling in the Dobbs case, we must continue to do all we can to protect people's health-care choices," **said Senator Gordon Johnson.** "While persons in New Jersey are guaranteed the right to make decisions about their bodies and health, this legislation affords those same protections for persons coming from out-of-State."

"We acted in January of this year with a preemptive strike to ensure New Jersey women are not affected by the whims of Scotus and their overturning of Roe v. Wade," **said Assemblywoman Lisa Swain.** "Women and their doctors are the only individuals necessary to make choices about their bodies and reproductive health. This new law aims to protect medical professionals who provide reproductive healthcare services in New Jersey that is in violation of any other state's laws and prohibits the use of extradition. We will continue to protect women and ensure they can make their own medical decisions partnered with their doctors."

"Many states have already enacted laws that will prohibit a woman's right to make personal decisions with her doctor about her health care," **said Assemblywoman Mila Jasey.** "We've enacted to allow here in New Jersey to ensure women's rights are protected. This new law is another step."

"With certain states taking radical steps such as allowing civil litigation against New Jersey physicians and healthcare personnel for providing reproductive healthcare and reaching outside their borders to criminalize travel to our state by women availing themselves of fundamental rights protected under New Jersey law, we must act to protect a woman's control over her own bodily autonomy and future," **said Assemblyman Raj Mukherji.** "New Jersey will not extradite women or healthcare providers who are criminally charged under unjust, overreaching laws in another state for protected activities occurring within our state. New Jersey will protect the sacrosanct privacy of people's medical records, and we will not cooperate with efforts to harass our medical providers through extraterritorial litigation for conduct occurring squarely within our borders which falls squarely within our laws."

"Reproductive freedom is a human right, and everyone deserves the opportunity to safely access reproductive health care without facing unjust retaliation," **said Assemblywoman Shanique Speight.** "New Jersey has not only enshrined the right to reproductive freedom into State law on behalf of our own residents, we are also working to make reproductive care available to residents of other states who come here for these crucial services."

"In these troubling times, we must defend reproductive freedom and be a safe haven for women who are seeking the reproductive care they need," **said Assemblywoman Sadaf Jaffer.** "Protecting private patient information and prohibiting professional retaliation against providers are key ways we can work towards this worthy goal."

"Everyone should be able to make their own personal health care decisions – without fear, intimidation, stigma, or delay. New Jersey continues to be a national leader, by passing legislation like S2633/A3975 and S2642/A3974, when it comes to protecting the right to abortion care," **said Kaitlyn Wojtowicz, Vice President of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey.** "We are thankful that leadership, the state legislature, and Governor Murphy have taken swift action to protect patients and providers in New Jersey, and we look forward to continuing the work to ensure that every New Jerseyan can access the care they need, including by passing S2918/A4350 as soon as possible.

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Governor Murphy Signs Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Act into Law

Governor Phil Murphy signed the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) Appropriations Act into law. The FY2023 budget builds on the historic progress made over the last four years, maintaining the Governor's commitment to prioritizing affordability, while delivering record tax relief and making transformative one-time investments.

The budget once again provides the highest level of school funding in history as the State continues to deliver on a seven-year plan to fully implement the constitutionally-sound school funding formula, makes a second consecutive full pension payment for the first time in more than a quarter century, and supports significant investments in the economy.

"This budget both invests in New Jersey's future while preparing for an uncertain global economy," said Governor Murphy. "We have wisely avoided using what may be temporary windfalls for long-term programs. At the same time, we are making significant investments in new capital projects that will make New Jersey a better state to live in while creating countless good-paying jobs. This budget continues to make New Jersey a stronger and more affordable state where opportunity can thrive."

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Governor Murphy Announces New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton to Join Biden-Harris Administration

Governor Phil Murphy announced that Sue Fulton, Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJ MVC), will depart the Murphy Administration as of July 1 to join the Biden-Harris Administration as an Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Latrecia "Trish" Littles-Floyd, current NJ MVC Security, Investigations, and Internal Audit Director, and former Lieutenant Colonel in the New Jersey State Police, will serve as Acting Chief Administrator beginning July 1.

"Sue has been a leading voice and an invaluable asset to my administration and to the state of New Jersey during her time at NJ MVC," said Governor Murphy. "Under Sue's committed leadership, the MVC has evolved into an agency that is more efficient, better organized, and fully equipped to respond to the needs of motorists across the state. While she will be missed, I look forward to seeing her continued leadership and future accomplishments as she serves the Biden-Harris Administration in her new role."

"I also look forward to the future of NJ MVC under the leadership of Trish Littles-Floyd," **continued Governor Murphy.** "Trish served our state in the New Jersey State Police, where she dedicated over 20 years to making our state stronger and fairer. She has also led NJ MVC in her capacity as Security, Investigations, and Internal Audit Director. This unique experience, coupled with her dedication to serving New Jerseyans, make her extremely qualified to serve as Acting Chief Administrator."

"It has been an extraordinary honor to serve the people of New Jersey and Governor Murphy these past four years," said NJ MVC Chief Administrator Sue Fulton. "The NJMVC team showed their determination, skill, and knowledge in revamping the MVC despite unprecedented obstacles. We serve more customers with more convenience in less time than ever before. Trish has been part of that transformation and I'm delighted to see her bring her leadership, experience, and commitment to the Chief Administrator post."

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Acting Attorney General Platkin, National Coalition of Attorneys General Issue Joint Statement Reaffirming Commitment to Protecting Access to Abortion Care

Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin and a national coalition of Attorneys General issued a joint statement reaffirming their commitment to supporting and expanding access to abortion care. Despite the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, access to safe and legal abortion remains robustly protected in numerous states across the country, including New Jersey. As highlighted by the multistate coalition's efforts in a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief filed in Dobbs, the participating Attorneys General will continue to fight to support the rights of pregnant people nationwide



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Statement from Governor Murphy on the Supreme Court's Decision in West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency

"Throughout the past week, the Supreme Court's far-right majority has made it abundantly clear: governments can control women's bodies, but not the guns that endanger our communities or the polluters who imperil the future of our planet. Today's decision in West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency rolls back federal progress under the Clean Air Act and threatens to exacerbate climate change while severely impacting the health of Americans across the country. In the wake of yet another tragic ruling, we will continue to do everything in our power to combat the climate crisis and preserve New Jersey's environmental and public health. And we will continue charging toward our ambitious goal of creating a 100-percent clean energy economy by 2050."

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