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Pro-Choice Virginia

2016 Virginia Legislative Voting Record on Choice

Your Guide to Virginia Lawmakers' Votes on Reproductive Health and Rights



Dear Choice Champion,

Did you know that over seventy-five anti-choice bills have been introduced in the Virginia General Assembly since 2010?! The sheer force of anti-choice attacks is stunning... and unfortunately, with an anti-choice majority still in control of both the House of Delegates and Senate, the legislative attacks are unlikely to end any time soon. However, I am still hopeful. If nothing else, 2016's session showed us that despite anti-choice control in Richmond, there is a lot we can do to build toward a pro-choice future in Virginia.

This year, we rolled out a robust, proactive pro-choice legislative agenda including seven pro-women's health bills. While these bills were met with resistance by the anti-choice majorities in the House and Senate, we showed up in force for committee meetings – with medical professionals, women with personal stories, and activists, all ready to speak truth to power. With time and continued tenacity, I'm confident that these pro-choice bills will one day become law.

Holding legislators accountable is one critical way we're going to get there. In January, we asked all 140 General Assembly members to sign onto a Statement of Intent (SOI) highlighting commonsense reproductive freedom values and principles. Unfortunately, only 52 legislators signed onto this statement – see the back page for a full list. We have a long way to go, but I look forward to a time when ALL members of the General Assembly feel empowered to reflect the pro-choice values of a majority of Virginians.

Finally, the 2016 legislative session showed us exactly why it's so critical to elect pro-choice champions to succeed Governor McAuliffe and Lt. Governor Northam in 2017. I hope that motivates you to stay strong, connected, and committed in the months and years to come. I know it motivates me to keep up the fight for women's health and rights. Thank you for making this work possible!



2016 Session at a Glance:

12 bills and budget amendments attempting to restrict Virginians' reproductive freedoms were blocked!

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0 anti-choice bills passed.

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7 pro-choice bills and/or budget items were introduced to increase women's access to contraception, repeal the mandatory ultrasound law, and repeal the abortion coverage ban.

34 Delegates earned a 100% pro-choice rating

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65 Delegates earned a 0% rating

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18 Senators earned a 100% pro-choice rating

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21 Senators earned a 0% rating

2016 Scored Bills

Methodology: The 2016 Voting Record was calculated by percentage, representing the sum of all relevant votes, on the basis of legislators' voting history during the 2016 session. Each vote was weighted equally. This voting record is intended to serve as an interim report of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia's 2016-2017 Term Record, which will be published next year and follow the methodology of our 2014-2015 Term Record.

Virginia House

HB 1090: Defunding Planned Parenthood (ANTI-CHOICE)

Delegate Ben Cline (R – 24) Rockbridge

Some politicians will stop at nothing to deny women and families the health care they need. HB 1090 prohibited the Virginia Department of Health from granting program funds to any health care providers that perform abortion other than in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of a pregnant woman. Hospitals that provide abortion were exempted from this bill, making it clear this was a sneaky attempt to single out and defund Virginia's Planned Parenthood health centers. Had this bill become law, thousands of Virginians who rely on Planned Parenthood annually would have been unable to affordably access the critical health care they need — including life-saving cancer screening, STI treatment and testing, and birth control. Although HB1090 passed the House of Delegates (65-34) and the Senate (21-19), pro-choice Governor Terry McAuliffe vetoed this bill. We are so thankful that Governor McAuliffe blocked this dangerous measure and protected Virginians' access to critical reproductive health care!

HB 963: Twenty-week ban on abortion (ANTI-CHOICE)

Delegate Dave LaRock (R – 33) Loudoun

Anti-women's health lawmakers were so committed to banning abortion this year that HB 963—a cruel bill to ban abortion after twenty weeks gestation—saw *three different iterations* during the 2016 regular session. Recognizing that the bill was unconstitutional in its original form, anti-women's health lawmakers reworded this proposed abortion ban to instead codify the highly disputed, unscientific concept of "fetal pain." Then, in a highly-unusual move, House Courts of Justice Committee Chairman Dave Albo worked with Delegate LaRock and other anti-choice legislators to rework the bill a third time. The final version of HB 963 reverted back to a 20-week abortion ban. Unsurprisingly, legislators admitted that no patients or doctors were consulted in its drafting! Ultimately, anti-choice activists and legislators chose not to support HB 963 in its final form because it contained exceptions for pregnant women who suffered mental health crises or were diagnosed with severe fetal abnormalities. This bill failed not because it was cruel or unconstitutional, but because **it did not go far enough.**

Update on Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP)

For the past five years, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia has led the fight against medically-unnecessary restrictions designed to shutter women's health centers (targeted regulation of abortion providers, or "TRAP"). The 2011 TRAP law was just one of over 75 anti-women's health measures proposed in the Commonwealth since 2010, and is one of the most nefarious and harmful laws successfully enacted. In the spring of 2014, Governor McAuliffe ordered a review of the blatantly-political regulations pushed through under former Governor McDonnell. After advocacy by NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia, our activists, and medical professionals, the state Board of Health voted 9-6 in September 2015 to approve amendments to bring the regulations more in line with the medical reality of first-trimester abortion care!

The amendments proposed by the Board include reversing the medically-inappropriate requirements for outpatient clinics to comply with hospital design and construction standards, which have already led directly or indirectly to the closure of four Virginia abortion providers. If these amendments are finalized by the Board of Health in fall 2016, existing women's health centers in Virginia will no longer have to comply with these unnecessary structural requirements. While this is a huge victory for reproductive health care access, we know the fight to protect existing women's health centers will continue and that we still have a long way to go to ensure new women's health centers are able to open and provide abortion services in the Commonwealth.

Virginia Senate

SB 183: Repeal of Abortion Insurance Coverage Ban (PRO-CHOICE)

Senator A. Donald McEachin (D – 9) Henrico

In 2013, then-Governor McDonnell snuck a last-minute amendment into the state budget to ban Virginians who get their health insurance through the state marketplace from purchasing a plan that includes coverage for abortion. As a result, the nearly 400,000 Virginians who are enrolled in marketplace health care plans are currently prohibited from obtaining comprehensive reproductive health care coverage. SB183 would have reversed this ban, enabling insurers to provide – and Virginians to purchase – a health care plan that includes abortion coverage. We believe that regardless of where a woman gets her insurance, she deserves coverage for the full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. Unfortunately, SB 183 was defeated along party lines (10-4) in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee.

SB 404: 12-Month Supply of Birth Control (PRO-CHOICE)

Senator Mamie Locke (D – 2) Hampton

SB 404 would have enabled Virginia women to obtain a full year's supply of oral contraceptives, covered by insurance, at one time. If passed, this important measure would have gone a long way towards increasing access to birth control for Virginia women, particularly women who work multiple jobs, lack reliable transportation, or live in remote areas of the Commonwealth. In fact, studies have shown that dispensing a 12-month supply of birth control at one time can reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy by as much 30 percent. You would think that such a commonsense, non-controversial measure would receive bipartisan support. But unbelievably, the Senate Education and Health Committee voted 9-6 to defeat this critical legislation, with Senator George Barker (D – 39) joining his anti-choice colleagues to defeat this bill.

SB 53: Repeal of Mandatory Ultrasound Law (PRO-CHOICE)

Senator Mamie Locke (D – 2) Hampton

SB 53, co-sponsored by Senators Ebbin, Howell, Lucas, and Wexton, sought to undo the damage caused by 2012's notorious forced-ultrasound and delay law. Virginia's current mandatory ultrasound law requires women to undergo a state-mandated ultrasound procedure at least 24 hours prior to accessing safe, legal abortion. Unfortunately the Senate Education and Health Committee chose to listen to male lobbyists from the Family Foundation and the Catholic Conference instead of the voices of women and doctors, voting along party lines (8-7) to defeat this bill. It was particularly shameful that Freshman Senator Siobhan Dunnavant (R – 12) an OB-GYN herself, joined anti-choice colleagues in voting against this bill that would have returned medical decision-making to doctors and patients.

The balance for CHOICE in Richmond:

100% pro-choice legislators:

52

Mixed-choice & anti-choice legislators:

87

Virginia Senate

Senator Name	District	HB1090: Planned Parenthood Defunding	2016 Voting Record
John C. Miller	1	N	100%
Mamie E. Locke	2	N	100%
Thomas K. Norment, Jr.	3	Y	0%
Ryan T. McDougale	4	Y	0%
Kenneth C. Alexander	5	N	100%
Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.	6	N	100%
Frank W. Wagner	7	Y	0%
William R. Desteph, Jr.	8	Y	0%
A. Donald McEachin	9	N	100%
Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr.	10	Y	0%
Amanda F. Chase	11	Y	0%
Siobhan S. Dunnavant	12	Y	0%
Richard H. Black	13	Y	0%
John A. Cosgrove, Jr.	14	Y	0%
Frank M. Ruff, Jr.	15	Y	0%
Rosalyn R. Dance	16	N	100%
Bryce E. Reeves	17	Y	0%
L. Louise Lucas	18	N	100%
David R. Suetterlein	19	Y	0%
William M. Stanley, Jr.	20	Y	0%
John S. Edwards	21	N	100%
Thomas A. Garrett, Jr.	22	Y	0%
Stephen D. Newman	23	Y	0%
Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.	24	Y	0%
R. Creigh Deeds	25	N	100%
Mark D. Obenshain	26	Y	0%
Jill Holtzman Vogel	27	Y	0%
Richard H. Stuart	28	Y	0%
Jeremy S. McPike	29	N	100%
Adam P. Ebbin	30	N	100%
Barbara A. Favola	31	N	100%
Janet D. Howell	32	N	100%
Jennifer T. Wexton	33	N	100%
J. Chapman Petersen	34	N	100%
Richard L. Saslaw	35	N	100%
Scott A. Surovell	36	N	100%
David W. Marsden	37	N	100%
A. Benton Chafin, Jr.	38	Y	0%
George L. Barker	39	N	75%
Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	40	Y	0%

Virginia Senate

Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

Senator Name	District	SB 183: Abortion Coverage Ban Repeal*
Frank W. Wagner	33	Y
Stephen D. Newman	23	Y
Mark D. Obenshain	26	Y
Richard H. Stuart	28	Y
William M. Stanley, Jr.	20	Y
John A. Cosgrove, Jr.	14	Y
A. Benton Chafin, Jr.	38	Y
Ryan T. McDougle	4	Y
Richard H. Black	13	Y
Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr.	10	Y
Richard L. Saslaw	35	N
Kenneth C. Alexander	5	N
Rosalyn R. Dance	16	N
L. Louise Lucas	18	N

* SB183 was a pro-choice bill; however the scored vote was whether or not to "pass by indefinitely" and defeat the bill. Accordingly, a 'yes' vote by a committee member reflected a vote to defeat the bill, and is anti-choice.

Senate Education and Health Committee

Member Name	District	SB 404: 12 month birth control	SB 53: Ultrasound Repeal
Stephen D. Newman	23	Y	Y
George L. Barker	39	Y	N
Richard H. Black	13	Y	Y
Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	40	Y	Y
Thomas A. Garrett, Jr.	22	Y	Y
John A. Cosgrove, Jr.	14	Y	Y
Siobhan Dunnavant	12	Y	Y
Amanda F. Chase	11	Y	Y
David R. Suetterlein	19	Y	Y
Richard L. Saslaw	35	N	N
L. Louise Lucas	18	N	N
Janet D. Howell	32	N	N
Mamie E. Locke	2	N	N
J. Chapman Petersen	34	N	N
Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.	6	N	N

* SB404 and SB53 were pro-choice bills; however the scored vote on each was whether or not to "pass by indefinitely" and defeat the bill. Accordingly, a 'yes' vote by a committee member reflected a vote to defeat each pro-choice bill, and is anti-choice.

Virginia House

Delegate Name	District	HB 1090: Planned Parenthood Defunding	2016 Voting Record
Terry G. Kilgore	1	Y	0%
L.Mark Dudenhefer	2	Y	0%
James W. Morefield	3	not voting	N/A
Todd E. Pillion	4	Y	0%
Israel D. O'Quinn	5	Y	0%
Jeffery L. Campbell	6	Y	0%
Nick L. Rush	7	Y	0%
Gregory D. Habeeb	8	Y	0%
Charles D. Poindexter	9	Y	0%
J. Randall Minchew	10	Y	0%
Sam Rasoul	11	N	100%
Joseph R. Yost	12	Y	0%
Robert G. Marshall	13	Y	0%
Daniel W. Marshall, III	14	Y	0%
C. Todd Gilbert	15	Y	0%
Leslie R. Adams	16	Y	0%
Christopher T. Head	17	Y	0%
Michael J. Webert	18	Y	0%
Terry L. Austin	19	Y	0%
Richard P. Bell	20	Y	0%
Ronald A. Villanueva	21	Y	0%
Kathy J Byron	22	Y	0%
T. Scott Garrett	23	Y	0%
Benjamin L Cline	24	Y	0%
R. Steven Landes	25	Y	0%
Tony O. Wilt	26	Y	0%
Roxann L. Robinson	27	Y	0%
William J. Howell	28	Y	0%
Christopher E. Collins	29	Y	0%
Nicholas J. Freitas	30	Y	0%
L.Scott Lingamfelter	31	Y	0%
Thomas A. Greason	32	Y	0%
David A. LaRock	33	Y	0%
Kathleen J. Murphy	34	N	100%
Mark L. Keam	35	N	100%
Kenneth R. Plum	36	N	100%
David L. Bulova	37	N	100%
Kaye Kory	38	N	100%
Vivian E. Watts	39	N	100%
Timothy D. Hugo	40	Y	0%
Eileen Filler-Corn	41	N	100%
David B. Albo	42	Y	0%
Mark D. Sickles	43	N	100%
Paul E. Krizek	44	N	100%
Mark H. Levine	45	N	100%
Charniele L. Herring	46	N	100%
Patrick A. Hope	47	N	100%
Richard C. Sullivan, Jr.	48	N	100%
Alfonso H. Lopez	49	N	100%
Jackson H. Miller	50	Y	0%

Virginia House

Delegate Name	District	HB1090: Planned Parenthood Defunding	2016 Voting Record
Richard L. Anderson	51	Y	0%
Luke E. Torian	52	N	100%
Marcus B. Simon	53	N	100%
Robert D. Orrock, Sr.	54	Y	0%
Hyland F. Fowler, Jr.	55	Y	0%
Peter F. Farrell	56	Y	0%
David J. Toscano	57	N	100%
Robert B. Bell	58	Y	0%
C. Matthew Fariss	59	Y	0%
James E. Edmunds, II	60	Y	0%
Thomas C. Wright, Jr.	61	Y	0%
Riley E. Ingram	62	Y	0%
Lashrecse D. Aird	63	N	100%
Richard L. Morris	64	Y	0%
R. Lee Ware	65	Y	0%
M. Kirkland Cox	66	Y	0%
James M. LeMunyon	67	Y	0%
G. Manoli Loupassi	68	Y	0%
Betsy B. Carr	69	N	100%
Delores L. McQuinn	70	N	100%
Jennifer L. McClellan	71	N	100%
James P. Massie, III	72	Y	0%
John M. O'Bannon	73	Y	0%
Lamont Bagby	74	N	100%
Roslyn C. Tyler	75	N	100%
S. Chris Jones	76	Y	0%
Lionell Spruill, Sr.	77	N	100%
James A. Leftwich, Jr.	78	Y	0%
Stephen E. Heretick	79	N	100%
Matthew James	80	N	100%
Barry D. Knight	81	Y	0%
Jason S. Miyares	82	Y	0%
Christopher P. Stolle	83	Y	0%
Glenn R. Davis, Jr.	84	Y	0%
Scott W. Taylor	85	Y	0%
Jennifer B. Boysko	86	N	100%
John J. Bell	87	N	100%
Mark L. Cole	88	Y	0%
Daun S. Hester	89	N	100%
Joseph C. Lindsey	90	N	100%
Gordon C. Helsel, Jr.	91	Y*	0%
Jeion A. Ward	92	N	100%
T. Montgomery Mason	93	N	100%
David E. Yancey	94	Y	0%
Marcia S. Price	95	N	100%
Brenda L. Pogge	96	Y	0%
Christopher K. Peace	97	Y	0%
M. Keith Hodges	98	Y	0%
Margaret B. Ransone	99	Y	0%
Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.	100	Y	0%

House Courts of Justice Constitutional Law Subcommittee

Member Name	District	HB 963: 20-wk Abortion Ban
David B. Albo	42	Y
Terry G. Kilgore	1	Y
G. Manoli Loupassi	68	Y
Gregory D. Habeeb	8	Y
Charniele L. Herring	46	N
Montgomery T. Mason	93	N

2016 Lawmaker Statement of Intent in Support of Reproductive Freedom:

“Seven in ten Virginians believe that, at a minimum, the government should not stand in the way of a woman who makes the personal decision to have an abortion. Accordingly, as a member of the Virginia General Assembly, duly elected to represent the citizens of my district and to govern on behalf of all Virginians, I express my support for policies that:



- *Defend a woman’s constitutional right to make personal, private decisions about whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term, within the framework of Roe v. Wade;*
- *Improve affordable access to the full range of contraceptive services and options, including emergency contraception;*
- *Protect reproductive health through medically-accurate, age-appropriate, effective sexuality education and access to family planning and birth control;*
- *Protect a woman’s ability to have healthy pregnancies and births, including her right to parent her children or to choose adoption;*
- *Address inequities in reproductive health care access, particularly those that disproportionately affect low-income women and women of color; and*
- *Defend a woman’s right to access reproductive health care free from intimidation, threats, coercion, and violence.”*

Signed by the following Virginia legislators:

Lt. Gov Ralph Northam	Sen. George Barker	Del. David Toscano
Sen. John Miller	Del. Sam Rasoul	Del Lashrecse Aird
Sen. Mamie Locke	Del Kathleen Murphy	Del. Betsy Carr
Sen. Kenneth Alexander	Del. Mark Keam	Del. Delores McQuinn
Sen. Lynwood Lewis	Del. Ken Plum	Del. Jennifer McClellan
Sen. Donald McEachin	Del. Dave Bulova	Del. Lamont Bagby
Sen. Rosalyn Dance	Del. Kaye Kory	Del. Roslyn Tyler
Sen. Louise Lucas	Del. Vivian Watts	Del. Lionel Spruill
Sen. John Edwards	Del. Eileen Filler-Corn	Del. Steve Heretick
Sen. Creigh Deeds	Del. Mark Sickles	Del. Matthew James
Sen. Jeremy McPike	Del. Paul Krizek	Del. Jennifer Boysko
Sen. Adam Ebbin	Del. Mark Levine	Del. John Bell
Sen. Barbara Favola	Del. Charniele Herring	Del. Daun Hester
Sen. Janet Howell	Del. Patrick Hope	Del. Joseph Lindsey
Sen. Jennifer Wexton	Del. Rip Sullivan	Del. Jeion Ward
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