

# Abortion Bill with a Poison Pill

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Birth control in all its forms has been the single most important capability to empower women. Reproductive freedom, including abortion, is a fundamental women's issue.

As I write, both houses of Congress are controlled by the Democratic Party. If they could corral their people, they could enact a bill that entitled all women in the United States to full reproductive rights and services, regardless of residence or employer, including the right to choose abortion. The first step, of course, would have to be to overturn the filibuster for such a law.

The chief problem with this plan: the Republican Party will eventually regain control of both Congress and the presidency, and repeal the law. The answer to that is a poison pill in the bill. Here is a sample:

1. This bill defines rights fundamental to women, and only women get to decide what, if any, boundaries apply to those rights.
2. For the purpose of this bill, the term *woman* means a person who was born with one or more ovaries; and any person who does not meet this definition is termed a *non-woman*. No non-woman may choose or assert a right to be a woman, for purposes of this bill.
3. Once this bill becomes law, in all jurisdictions of the United States, all restrictions on the rights of a woman to full reproductive freedom and services – whether in law or by judgment in any court – are revoked. Portions of existing laws that grant reproductive rights and services to women shall remain in force.
4. Once this bill becomes law, no non-woman shall participate in any way in:
  - revising, repealing, disallowing, legislating, adjudicating or voting on any aspect of this law;
  - restricting in any way the reproductive rights granted by this law or other laws to any woman;
  - applying religious or freedom-of-religion arguments to impinge on the reproductive rights or services granted by this law or other laws to any woman.

Any non-woman who might otherwise have been allowed to act in violation of this clause must immediately recuse themselves from presence and participation in all parts of such an event.

Women can face difficult decisions when exercising their reproductive rights. These decisions are a matter of personal religious rights. A person who belongs to, or belonged to, a religion (or religious sect), at a time when that religion opposed any reproductive rights or services for women, shall recuse as if a non-woman.

5. Any violator of any terms of this bill, and specifically of the preceding clause, shall be subject to immediate arrest, to be held without bail if likely to continue the violation or commit further violations, and to be promptly prosecuted for this felony. Upon conviction, the violator shall be imprisoned for one year and shall be prohibited from voting or serving as an elected, appointed or employed member of any government of or within the United States of America. Any person or persons who fail to enforce this law shall be prosecuted as violators of this law. A violation shall be enforceable for 25 years after an infraction.
6. If any portion of this bill be overturned, the remainder shall remain in effect.