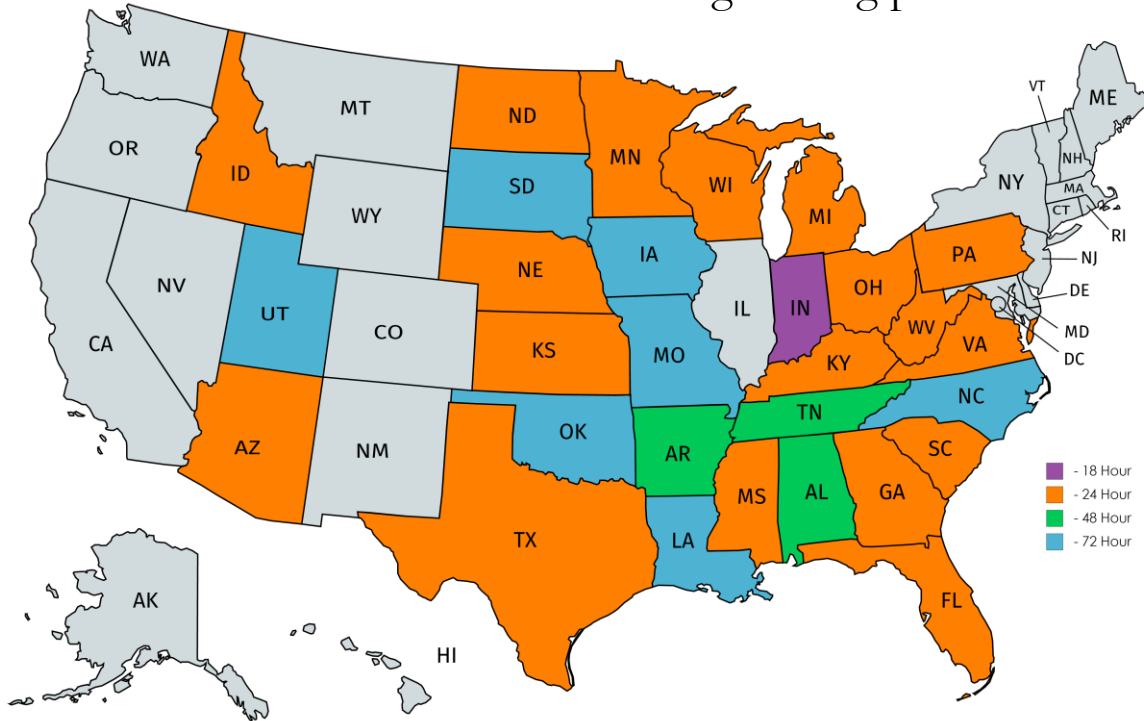


Waiting Periods

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Waiting periods before an abortion are critical for saving the lives of innocent children and ensuring that women have a right to know and weigh all of the facts prior to an abortion. Twenty-nine (29) states have established laws ensuring that mothers are given a period of time to reflect before making a life and death decision. This time gives the mother a chance to consider all of her options and receive counseling to ensure she has made an informed decision. These waiting periods range from 18-72 hours and often include the opportunity for consultation and advice regarding the decision.

States with laws establishing waiting periods



States with an 18 hour waiting period

IN

States with a 24 hour waiting period

AZ, FL*, GA, ID, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, NE, ND, OH, PA, SC, TX, VA, WV, WI

*permanent injunction

States with a 48 hour waiting period

AL, AR, TN

States with a 72 hour waiting period

IA*, LA*, MO, NC, OK, SD, UT**

*not enforced pending litigation

**contains broad health exception

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