

Web Cam Abortion Bans

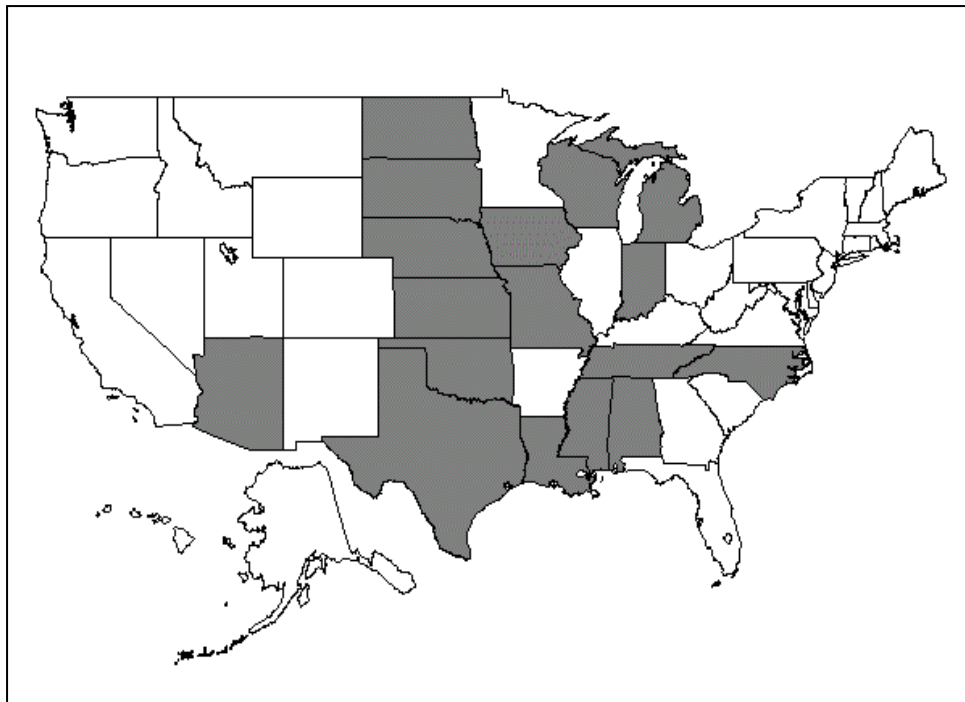
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"Web-cam abortions" are chemical abortions done by a video conferencing system where the abortionist is located at one location and uses a closed circuit TV to talk over a computer video screen with a woman who is at another location. The chemicals are dispensed by a remote control which opens a drawer near the woman. She removes the pills herself. The abortionist never sees the woman in person. They're never actually in the same room.

Seventeen (17) states have enacted laws requiring abortionist to be physically present in the same room as the woman when administering a chemical abortion.

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States with Web Cam Abortion Bans



Alabama
Arizona
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
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Michigan
Mississippi
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Nebraska
North Carolina
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STATE	STATUS	WHAT THE LAW DOES
Alabama Code of Ala. § 22-12E-7 (2013)	Effective July 1, 2013	Only a physician may give, sell, dispense, administer, or otherwise prescribe an abortion-inducing drug. The physician giving, selling, dispensing, administering, or otherwise providing or prescribing the abortion-inducing drug must first examine the pregnant woman in person. Any person other than a physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion, including the prescription, dispensing, or administration of abortion-inducing drug, shall be guilty of a Class C felony.
Arizona Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §36-3604 (2011)	In effect	Telemedicine may not be used to provide abortions.
Indiana Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 16-34-2-1 (a)(1)(C) (2013)	Effective July 1, 2013	A physician shall examine a pregnant woman in person before prescribing or dispensing an abortion inducing drug. As used in this subdivision, "in person" does not include the use of telehealth or telemedicine services.
Iowa To be codified as: 653 IAC 13.10 (147,148,272C) (2013)	Effective October 2, 2013	When inducing an abortion by providing an abortion-inducing drug, a physician must be physically present with the woman at the time the abortion-inducing drug is provided
Kansas K.S.A. § 65-4a10 (2011)	In effect	Only a licensed physician shall perform or induce an abortion. RU-486 (mifepristone) or any drug used to induce an abortion must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed, dispensed or otherwise provided the drug to the patient.
Louisiana 2013 LA S.B. 90 To be codified as: La. R.S. 40:1299.35.2.1 (2013)	In effect	When a drug of chemical is used for the purpose of an abortion, the physician who prescribed the drug or chemical shall be in the same room and in the physical presence of the pregnant woman when the drug of chemical is initially administered, dispensed, or otherwise provided to the pregnant woman.
Michigan MCL § 333.17017	Effective March 31, 2013	A physician may not prescribe a chemical abortion without first physically examination of the patient. The physician shall be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion when the prescription drug is used to initiate chemical abortion. This law expires on December 31, 2018.

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Mississippi 2013 MS S.B. 2795	Effective July 1, 2013	When any drug or chemical is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the drug or chemical must be administered in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who gave, sold, dispensed or otherwise provided or prescribed the drug or chemical to the patient.
Missouri To be codified as: § 188.021 R.S.Mo. (2013)	Effective August 28, 2013	When any drug or chemical is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the drug or chemical must be administered in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed, dispensed, or otherwise provided the drug or chemical to the patient.
Nebraska Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-335(2)	In effect	No abortion shall be performed, induced, or attempted unless the physician is physically present in the same room.
North Carolina N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.82 (1) (a) (2013)	Effective October 1, 2013	The physician prescribing, dispensing, or otherwise providing any drug or chemical for the purpose of inducing an abortion shall be physically present in the same room as the patient when the first drug or chemical is administered to the patient.
North Dakota N.D. Cent. Code, § 14-02.1-03.5 (2013)	Enjoined	When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it. Declared unconstitutional <i>MKB Mgmt. Corp v. Burdick</i> , No. 01-2013-CV-00071 (N.D. Dist Ct. July 15, 2013).
Oklahoma 63 Okl. St. § 1- 729.1	In effect	When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it. This law remains in effect.
<i>63 Okl. St. § 1- 729a(D)</i>	Enjoined	<i>Regulates the sale and distribution of RU-486, by following FDA protocols. Permanently enjoined in Oklahoma Coal. for Repr. Just. v. Cline, No. CV-2011-1722 (Okla. Dist. Ct. May 11, 2012).</i>
South Dakota S.D. Codified Laws § 34-23A- 56 (2012)	In effect	No physician may have the pregnant mother sign consent for the abortion on the day of this initial consultation. No physician may take a signed consent from the pregnant mother unless the pregnant mother is in the physical presence of the physician and except on the day the abortion is scheduled.
Tennessee Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-241(2011)	In effect	No physician shall perform or attempt to perform any abortion, including a chemically induced abortion or shall prescribe any drug or device intended to cause a chemical abortion, except in the physical presence of the pregnant woman. No drug or device intended to cause a chemical abortion shall be administered or dispensed to a pregnant woman except in the physical presence of her physician.
Texas 2013 Bill Text TX H.B. 2B	Effective October 29, 2013	A person may not knowingly give, sell, dispense, administer, provide, or prescribe an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant woman for the purpose of inducing an abortion unless the protocols authorized by the United States Federal Drug Administration are satisfied.
Wisconsin Wis. Stat. Ann. §	In effect	No person may give an abortion-inducing drug to a woman unless the physician who prescribed, or otherwise provided, the abortion-

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253.105		inducing drug for the woman: (a) Performs a physical exam of the woman and (b) Is physically present in the room when the drug is given to the woman. Complaint filed by <i>Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin vs. J.B. Van Hollen, et al</i> , No. 12-cv-913-bbc (U.S. Dist. Ct., W.D. Jan. 7, 2013).