TRAP Laws - Abortion Facility Licensing Requirements

One of the ways abortion facilities are regulated is through abortion facility licensing requirements. In many states, abortion providers face facility licensing requirements that are not required of similar medical providers. This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws in effect from August 1, 2016 through December 1, 2019. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting www.lawatlas.org.

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In total, 23 states impose facility licensing requirements specifically on abortion providers which are more stringent than regulations that apply to facilities which perform similar medical procedures.

Jurisdictions: 23 (AL, AR, AZ, CT, FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, NE, NJ, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA)

### Law Imposes One or More Room Requirements

Eighteen states impose one or more room requirements on abortion facilities. Possible room requirements include operating rooms, procedure rooms, separate soiled and clean instrument sterilization rooms, and recovery rooms.

Jurisdictions: 18 (AL, AR, CT, FL, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, MS, NE, NC, OK, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT)

### Law Limited in Whole or in Part

Ten states have had their abortion facility laws limited in whole or in part by court decision, up from seven states in 2018.

Jurisdictions: 7 (AL, AR, GA, KS, MS, NC, OK, TX, VA, WI)