

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-20

FOR: FAITHFUL EXECUTION OF INDIANA'S ABORTION LAWS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 16 of the Indiana Constitution directs that the "Governor shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed";

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 16-34-1-1 establishes the State of Indiana's public policy that "childbirth is preferred, encouraged, and supported over abortion";

WHEREAS, Public Law 179-2022 enacted new requirements for the performance of abortions and restrictions on abortions performed in the State of Indiana with narrow, limited exceptions;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana was the first state to enact such legislation to ensure the protection of life after the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana law provides various requirements to help ensure abortion laws are followed, including the submission of Terminated Pregnancy Reports ("TPRs");

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 16-34-2-5 provides a health care provider must submit a TPR to the Indiana Department of Health ("IDOH") each time a health care provider performs an abortion; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 16-34-2-5(a) outlines the twofold purpose and function of TPRs: first, "the improvement of maternal health and life through the compilation of relevant maternal life and health factors and data", and second, "to monitor all abortions performed in Indiana to assure the abortions are done only under the authorized provisions of the law";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL K. BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. All state agencies are directed to ensure that the State of Indiana's abortion laws are fully and faithfully executed, including, but not limited to, the submission of TPRs.
2. All state agencies are directed to fully cooperate with the Office of the Attorney General in the investigation and enforcement of the State of Indiana's abortion laws.
3. The Secretary of Health and Family Services and the Commissioner of the IDOH are directed to:
 - a. fully evaluate the historical operations of IDOH with respect to enforcement of the State of Indiana's abortion laws;
 - b. identify all policy, practice, procedure, and personnel changes necessary to fully comply with this Executive Order; and
 - c. provide the Governor with a report by July 1, 2025, detailing the findings of the evaluation and all changes made to comply with this Executive Order.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Michael K. Braun, have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Indiana on
this 21st day of January, 2025.

Michael K. Braun
Michael K. Braun Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State