

House Bill 7 Explained

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Relating to prohibitions on the manufacture and provision of abortion-inducing drugs, including the jurisdiction of and effect of certain judgments by courts within and outside this state with respect to the manufacture and provision of those drugs, and to protections from certain counteractions under the laws of other states and jurisdictions; authorizing qui tam actions.

What it Does

House Bill 7 takes effect December 4, 2025. Passed during the second special session, it:

- Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, mailing, transportation, delivery, prescription, or provision of abortion medications outside of these approved uses:
 - ectopic pregnancy
 - life-threatening medical emergency
 - treatment of a miscarriage in which the embryo or fetus is already dead.
- Empowers private citizens to enforce HB 7 by suing anyone they think is breaking or intends to break the law through a whistleblower lawsuit. Successful litigants would receive \$100,000 plus court costs and attorneys' fees. Litigants who lose will not be required to pay the court costs and attorneys' fees for the defendant.

Why it Matters

By creating a lucrative “bounty,” lawmakers are incentivizing people to file lawsuits against manufacturers, physicians--even family members who provide (or intend to provide) abortion medication. They hope the threat of litigation and financial ruin will scare anyone, anywhere in the U.S., out of attempting to help Texans access essential healthcare. Texans deserve the freedom to make personal healthcare decisions with their doctors, faith leaders, and families; politicians have no place interfering in the most private aspects of our lives.

What's Next

A constitutional challenge against a similar abortion whistleblower provision was filed in 2021. Regardless of the outcome, TFN will continue to fight any efforts to criminalize healthcare, isolate and stigmatize patients, and undermine fundamental freedoms.

Through grassroots organizing, advocacy, and public education, TFN remains steadfast in defending reproductive rights and ensuring that all Texans can access the healthcare they need with dignity.

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