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### The Truth About the Proposed “Reproductive Freedom” Constitutional Amendment

- The broadly written [proposed Constitutional Amendment](#) will enshrine current California abortion law and practice into the State Constitution.
- California, [through the Medi-Cal program](#), currently:
  - pays for all abortions
  - for all nine months of pregnancy
  - with no medical justification necessary.

**The [documentation](#) is incontrovertible. Honest analysis requires examination of *the application of California abortion law***

- There are no criminal abortions in California
  - [CA Penal Code Sec. 187](#) states that it is not murder to kill a fetus if the mother consents to the abortion.
  - AB 2223 will remove the coroner’s existing duty to investigate “criminal abortions” as this is an “outdated term.” No abortion is criminal if the woman consents.
- [CA Health and Safety Code Sec. 123468](#) states that abortions performed after viability are “unauthorized,” if the pregnancy poses no threat to the life or health of the mother. The code section does not say such abortions are “illegal.” In truth:
  - California ignores this statute in its Medi-Cal funding.
  - This statute is nullified by [CA Penal Code Sec. 187](#), which states that it is not murder to kill a fetus if the mother consents to the abortion.
  - This statute has no enforcement mechanism. No one inspects. No one reports.

- [Assembly Bill 2223](#) will further expand the list of “authorized” abortions to include self-abortion, without any limitations on gestational age or requirement for health reasons.
- If passed, the “Reproductive Freedom” Constitutional Amendment will also prevent future legislatures or the people from enacting:
  - Parental consent or notification laws;
  - Meaningful informed consent laws that, in particular, inform women of the life that they are carrying;
  - Protections for fathers’ rights.
- This proposed Constitutional Amendment will continue abortion’s disproportionate impact on black, Hispanic and disabled communities, thereby jeopardizing the future of these groups.

California offers government-funded abortion on demand throughout pregnancy for no reason at all. This is explicitly stated in the [Medi-Cal Provider Manual](#) (Click and read the explicit instructions for all California abortions). The “Reproductive Freedom” Constitutional Amendment will enshrine this practice into the Constitution. H&S Code Sec.123468’s definition of “unauthorized abortions” is therefore a fig leaf to cover up California’s true barbaric abortion practice. Don’t believe it.