

The Supreme Court invalidated this anti-abortion law because of the constitutional "right to privacy" (as taken from either the 14th Amendment or 9th Amendment, both protecting the rights and privileges of citizens). The court said "privacy" encompasses a woman's decision to terminate her pregnancy. Characterizing this right as "fundamental" to a woman's "life and future," the Court held that the state could not interfere with the abortion decision unless it had a compelling or very good reason to do so. Protecting the potential life of the fetus could be considered a compelling reason once it became "viable." However, even after viability, a woman had to have access to an abortion legal across the country.



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