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# S. RES. 828

Expressing the sense of the Senate that every person has the basic right to emergency health care, including abortion care.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELMY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that every person has the basic right to emergency health care, including abortion care.

Whereas bans and restrictions on reproductive health care, including abortion care, put the health and lives of women at risk;

Whereas State laws that purport to ban and restrict abortion in emergency circumstances force medical providers to decide between withholding necessary, stabilizing medical

care from a patient experiencing a medical emergency or facing criminal prosecution, and put the lives, health, and futures of patients at risk;

Whereas the harms of criminalizing medical providers providing emergency health care or women receiving emergency health care are far-reaching, and providers and patients who are Black, Indigenous, people of color, immigrants, people with low incomes, and LGBTQI+ individuals are more likely to be put under the scrutiny of the legal system;

Whereas the harms associated with abortion bans and other restrictions on reproductive health care have a disproportionate impact on women of color, specifically Black and Indigenous pregnant patients, who are more likely to experience life-threatening pregnancy complications; and

Whereas the chaos and confusion caused by abortion bans and restrictions can dissuade providers from providing appropriate medical care to patients, including in emergency care situations such as heart failure or high blood pressure, premature rupture of membranes, severe obstetric hemorrhage or infection, sepsis, placenta previa (where the placenta attaches to the cervix), and in some cases missed miscarriages, among many other emergency medical conditions: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that every
- 2 person has the basic right to emergency health care, in-
- 3 cluding abortion care.

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