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What is the Practical Impact of FOCA? In elevating abortion to a fundamental right, FOCA poses an undeniable and irreparable danger to common-sense laws supported by a majority of Americans. Among more than 550 federal/state laws that FOCA would nullify are the following:

- * Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003
- * Hyde Amendment (restricting taxpayer funding of abortions)
- * Restrictions on abortions performed at military hospitals
- * Restrictions on insurance coverage for abortion for federal employees
- * Informed consent laws - Waiting periods - Parental consent and notification laws
- * Health and safety regulations for abortion clinics
- * Requirements that licensed physicians perform abortions
- * "Delayed enforcement" laws (banning abortion when Roe v. Wade is overturned and/or the authority to restrict abortion is returned to the states)
- * Bans on **partial-birth abortion**.
- * Bans on abortion after viability. Under FOCA, post-viability abortions are expressly permitted to protect the woman's "health." Within the context of abortion, "health" has been interpreted so broadly that FOCA would not actually proscribe any abortion before or after viability.
- * Limits on public funding for elective abortions (thus, making American taxpayers fund a procedure that many find morally objectionable)
- * Limits on the use of public facilities (such has public hospitals and medical schools at state universities) for abortions
- * State/federal legal protections for individual healthcare providers who decline to participate in abortions
- * Legal protections for Catholic & other religiously-affiliated hospitals who, while providing care to millions of poor & uninsured citizens, refuse to allow abortions within their facilities

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