

**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MONTANA,)	
and SAMUEL DICKMAN, M.D., on behalf of)	
themselves and their patients,)	Cause No.: ADV-2023-231
)	
Plaintiffs,)	Judge Mike Menahan
vs.)	
)	
STATE OF MONTANA, by and through AUSTIN)	
KNUDSEN, in his official capacity as Attorney)	[PROPOSED] TEMPORARY
General, the MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF)	RESTRAINING ORDER AND
PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, and)	ORDER SETTING HEARING
CHARLIE BRERETON, in his official capacity)	ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
as Director of the Department of Public Health)	A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
& Human Services,)	ON HOUSE BILL 721 (15-WEEK
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Defendants.)	

This Petition came before the Court on the application of Plaintiffs/Petitioners for a Temporary Restraining Order. The Court, having considered Plaintiffs' Motion for an *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order, supporting brief, and Verified Amended Complaint, hereby finds as follows:

1. Immediate and irreparable injury, loss, and damage will result to the Plaintiffs and their patients before notice can be given and the Defendants/Respondents or their attorney(s) can be heard in opposition. Plaintiffs have established facts, which if proven as true, establish that House Bill 721 (2023) ("HB 721") presents a prima facie constitutional violation. Immediate and irreparable harm is also present by the immediate effective date

for Section 3 of HB 721. The delay caused by notice of any hearing would seriously impair the remedies sought by Plaintiffs in that the Plaintiffs seek a Temporary Restraining Order to enjoin Defendants from enforcing HB 721 until further order of this Court.

2. The balance of equities weighs in favor of granting Plaintiffs and their patients temporary relief. Whereas Plaintiffs and their patients face immediate, irreparable harm, Defendants will not be harmed by the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order that preserves the status quo. Finally, the public interest weighs in favor of preserving the status quo and in ensuring access to constitutionally protected health care services pending adjudication of a preliminary injunction.
3. Plaintiffs and their patients are entitled to the relief requested in the Motion for an *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order until further order of this Court following the below-ordered hearing.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

The Effective Date for HB 721, Section 3 is hereby temporarily stayed and enjoined until and unless this Court orders otherwise following the below ordered hearing regarding Plaintiffs' application for a preliminary injunction. The enforcement of Sections 3, 4, and 5 is hereby temporarily stayed and enjoined, and the State of Montana, the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and their officers, agents, employees, and attorneys are hereby temporarily restrained from enforcing, threatening to enforce, or otherwise applying the challenged provisions of HB 721 until further order of this Court following the below-ordered hearing.

ORDER SETTING HEARING ON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there will be a hearing to consider Plaintiffs' Application for Preliminary Injunction before this Court at 1:30 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at the Courthouse in Helena, Montana.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BELOW