

Ala. lawmakers tighten rules for abortion clinics

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(AP)—Alabama lawmakers have given final passage to a measure placing stricter regulations on clinics that provide abortions.

The state House voted 68-21 late Tuesday to give final passage to the Women's Health and Safety Act. The vote came hours after the state Senate voted 20-10 to approve the bill after amending the measure to require clinics to tell patients what medications they had received.

The votes in the GOP-led legislature, mostly along party lines, send the measure to [Republican Gov. Robert Bentley](#), who backs the legislation.

The bill requires [abortion](#) clinics to use doctors who have approval to admit patients to hospitals in the same city. Some clinics now use doctors from other cities that don't have local hospital privileges. A similar law in Mississippi is threatening to close that state's only [abortion clinic](#), which is challenging the law in court.

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