



CHAPTER 90
ARTICLE 11 - ABORTION LAWS

N.C.G.S. § 90-21.81B.

When abortion is lawful.

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Notwithstanding any of the provisions of G.S. 14-44 and G.S. 14-45, and subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall not be unlawful to procure or cause a miscarriage or an abortion in the State of North Carolina in the following circumstances:

When a qualified physician determines there exists a medical emergency.

During the first 12 weeks of a woman's pregnancy, when the procedure is performed by a qualified physician licensed to practice medicine in this State in a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, or clinic certified by the Department of Health and Human Services to be a suitable facility for the performance of abortions, in accordance with G.S. 90-21.82A or during the first 12 weeks of a woman's pregnancy when a medical abortion is procured.

After the twelfth week and through the twentieth week of a woman's pregnancy, when the procedure is performed by a qualified physician in a suitable facility in accordance with G.S. 90-21.82A when the woman's pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

During the first 24 weeks of a woman's pregnancy, if a qualified physician determines there exists a life-limiting anomaly in accordance with this Article. (2023-14, s. 1.2; 2023-65, s. 14.1(c).)

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APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
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G.S. 14-44		<i>"Notwithstanding any of the provisions of"</i>
G.S. 14-45		<i>"the provisions of G.S. 14-44 and"</i>
G.S. 90-21.82A	(null)(2)	<i>"performance of abortions, in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.81B (2026).

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