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The debate on abortion law in the US is always an emotional subject and one which always reappears around election time. Since â€œJane Roeâ€•, whose real name was Norma McCovey, successfully argued in 1973 that the US law banning abortions for women unless their lives are at risk was unconstitutional, all the states have been forced to introduce laws allowing abortions, despite widespread opposition in certain parts of the country.

Conditions that must be met before an abortion will be carried out vary from state to state, with some demanding a waiting period of several days before a doctor can carry out the procedure and others insisting that the woman go through an obligatory counselling session before she will be treated. Other states have rules on parental consent for minors and each case is taken on its own merit as to whether the woman has waited too long to have the abortion; since the 2003 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act women who try and have an abortion after 15 weeks is likely to be refused, unless there is a good medical reason for her to need the procedure. Any doctors who go ahead and carry out the treatment without a medical reason can be prosecuted.

Opposition to abortion is strongest in the southern states, and is particularly virulent in Texas, where a new state law has just been passed forcing women who ask for an abortion to view images from sonogram of their fetus. . At least 24 hours before the abortion is due to take place, women must attend a clinic where a doctor will show them pictures of the fetus, play its heartbeat and describe some of its visible features. Women's rights groups had claimed that the law violated the First Amendment rights of patients but that appeal was overturned by a Texas court.

This means that Texas continues to strengthen its laws and rules surrounding access to abortion, despite already having some of the most stringent controls on the procedure in the whole country. It is expected that the Center for Reproductive Rights who launched the dismissed class action appeal in Texas will take their case further.

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