

Only Miss. abortion clinic can't comply with law

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Mississippi's only abortion clinic has missed a Friday deadline to comply with a new state law that requires each of its physicians to get hospital admitting privileges—a law the governor said he signed with the hopes of shutting the clinic down.

The state Health Department won't immediately close the clinic, Jackson Women's Health Organization. The department will set an inspection later, and if it orders a shutdown, the clinic can appeal.

Clinic administrator Diane Derzis said every Jackson-area hospital where the clinic applied for privileges said no.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant has said repeatedly that he wants Mississippi to be [abortion](#)-free.

The law requires anyone doing abortions in a clinic to be an OB-GYN with [privileges](#) to admit patients to a hospital near the facility where the abortions are done.

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