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## Ohio lawmakers prepare to introduce 'Contraception Begins at

# Erection Act'

by WKRC

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CINCINNATI (WKRC) - Ohio lawmakers are preparing to introduce the "Contraception Begins at Erection Act," which would make it illegal for men to have sex without trying to create a child.

Two Ohio representatives, Anita Somani and Tristan Rader, posted a video to Bluesky detailing their plan regarding the bill, which was first introduced in Mississippi by Senator Bradford Blackmon.

"Fair is fair, right?" Somani said in the video. "If this legislature is so dedicated to regulating women's bodies and their access to contraceptives and abortion care then let's start policing men in the same way. After all, it does take two to tango, right?"

"Our bill would make it illegal to discharge semen or genetic material without the intent to fertilize an embryo," she continued.

"If you find the language [in the bill] to be absurd, then maybe you should find any bill attempting to restrict reproductive freedoms absurd as well," Rader chimed in.

According to *WTRF*, the bill is expected to make clear exceptions for contraceptives, masturbation, and LGBTQIA people.

The penalties for illegally discharging genetic material would be:


- \$1,000 for the first offense
- \$5,000 for the second offense
- \$10,000 for any subsequent offense

The bill was not introduced as of Feb. 8, but the representatives noted that its progress can be followed on [the Ohio House of Representative's website](#).

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