



## Reproductive Choice Lobby Day at the State House Tuesday, October 6, 2009

### **ACTION ALERT: Lobby Day for Reproductive Choice Legislation**

The LWVMA is a member of the Coalition for Choice and strongly supports Reproductive Choices for families. The Coalition for Choice is holding a Lobby Day at the State House in support of:

An Act Relative to Updating the Public Health Laws (S. 1610/H. 1745) which would repeal archaic and unconstitutional abortion and contraceptive restrictions that remain on the books in Massachusetts:

- Updates a law to allow abortions to be provided in facilities other than hospitals
- Deletes a law that provides fines and/or imprisonment for administering or providing information about obtaining a miscarriage
- Deletes a law that provides fines and/or imprisonment for any information that is intended to cause or obtain a miscarriage or birth control
- Deletes a law that provides fines and/or imprisonment of unlicensed individuals providing any information or instrument that prevents contraception or causes an unlawful abortion
- Deletes a law that only allows physicians to provide information regarding prevention of pregnancy or conception only to married couples

**Please attend the Lobby Day sponsored by the Mass Coalition for Choice (Numbers always matter!):**

- Location: Great Hall, State House, Boston
- Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009
- Time: 10am-Noon (10-11 Speakers; 11-noon Lobbying)
- Attire: Wear a LWV pin so we can sit together

**LWVMA Reproductive Choice Position:** Supports freedom of individuals to make informed reproductive decisions based on their own convictions and beliefs and sex education in the schools and community. Opposes restrictive birth control and abortion laws (1972)

**LWVUS Meeting Basic Human needs Position (1989):** Supports social policy in the US that promotes self-sufficiency for individuals and families; programs designed to prevent or reduce poverty; access to health care that includes health and sex education programs; supportive services

that include family planning.

Democracy is not a spectator sport! - Lotte E. Scharfman, LWVMA President 1969 - 1970