

US abortion clinic fights law that may shut it

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(AP)—Attorneys for Mississippi's only abortion clinic are again asking a federal judge to block a state law that could close the facility.

In court papers Wednesday, attorneys say despite repeated attempts, Jackson Women's Health Organization has been unable to obtain privileges for most of its physicians to admit patients to a local hospital.

A state law that took effect in July requires such privileges.

The law's supporters say it's designed for patients' safety. However, the clinic calls the requirement "medically unnecessary."

The clinic filed suit in June seeking to block the law.

U.S. [District Judge](#) Daniel Jordan allowed the law to take effect to see if the clinic could meet the requirements.

The clinic is not expected to close any time soon.

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