

Legislative Update – April 21, 2017

Three Weeks to the End of the 2017 Legislative Session

Urgent Call to Action!

Calls and e-mails are needed to your Missouri State Senators in these last 3 weeks of the 2017 session to “Pass Pro-Life Legislation.”

Session ends on Friday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

We Thank our Legislators for directing some state monies for some great pro-life programs to help women in crisis pregnancies and protecting our tax dollars from going for human cloning, embryonic stem cell research and abortion services in the budget bills! Budget bills are still in process so the final versions are not done yet.

In these last 3 weeks of session, we need pro-life elected officials to step up and defend our religious liberties and public policies that protect women and babies by passing the protections in HCS HB 174/SB 41 AND HCS HB 194/SB 67.

Please call your State Senator and ask him/her to pass the following bills. Pro-life laws & religious liberty freedoms are intentionally being attacked by a pro-abortion Judge and pro-abortion officials on the St Louis City Council.

Pass HCS HB 174 or SB 41 to Stop the “Sanctuary City for Abortion Mandate”: In HCS HB 174 and SB 41, a political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, or enforcing any ordinance or any other form of regulation that would interfere with, or otherwise adversely affect an alternatives-to-abortion agency or any other religious organization and their agents' operations or speech. HCS HB 174 or SB 41 is necessary because an ordinance was passed by the Board of Aldermen in the City of St. Louis that attacks and threatens the deeply held moral and religious convictions of the people of St. Louis by seeking to make St. Louis a "sanctuary city" for abortion. Unless HCS HB 174 or SB 41 is enacted, that St. Louis City ordinance will force churches and others to be complicit in the profound evil of abortion.

Pass HCS HB 194 or SB 67, The Women’s Health Care Protection Act that requires: annual on-site abortion clinical inspections; accountability of baby body parts from abortion; whistleblower protection; two-parent notification prior to a minor having an abortion; and, Stated Jurisdiction for Attorney General when dealing with Abortion Cases

Find Contact Information for Your State Senator here: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/2017-senator-listing-2/>

Bills that are Positioned for Possible Action in the 2017 Legislative Session:

In the Senate:

HCS HB 144 (Senate companion bill is SB 493) – Senate Sponsor: Dan Hegeman - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" (**Support**)

Testimony in Support of SB 493: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb493.html>

HCS HB 174 (Senate companion bill is SB 41) – Sponsor: Senate Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Provides protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies, stops “sanctuary cities for abortion” (**Support**)

Testimony in Support of HB 174: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb174.html>

Testimony in Support of SB 41: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb41.html>

HB 655 (Senate companion bill is SB 15) – Senate Sponsor: Bob Dixon - Extends the expiration date of tax credits for donations to pregnancy centers (**Support**)

Testimony in Support of HB 655: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb655.html>

SB 67 (House companion bill is HCS HB 194) – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies provisions of law relating to abortion, including donation of fetal tissue, tissue reports, abortion reports, employee disclosure policies, and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

Testimony in Support of SB 67: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb67.html>

SB 375 (House companion bill is HCS HB 326) – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the law regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

NOTE: Language of SB 375 is pending as an amendment to SB 67

Testimony in Support of SB 375: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb375.html>

In the House:

HB 112 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Modifies provisions of law relating to custody of in-vitro (IVF) human embryos (**Support**) – Waiting to be voted out of House Rules Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 112: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb112.html>

HB 182 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst - Prohibits a person from transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without the consent required by Missouri law (**Support**) – Waiting to be Perfected on House Floor

Testimony in Support of HB 182: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb182.html>

HCS HB 194 (Senate companion bill is SB 67) – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Strengthens the laws regarding the accounting of baby body parts from abortion (**Support**) – Waiting to be Third Read and Sent to the Senate

Testimony in Support of HB 194: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb194.html>

HCS HB 326 (Senate companion bill is SB 375) – Sponsor: Rocky Miller – Two Parent Notification Before a Minor has an Abortion (**Support**)

NOTE: Language of HB 326 is pending as an amendment to SB 67

Testimony in Support of HB 326: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb326.html>

HCS HB's 908 & 757 – Sponsors: Donna Lichtenegger & Phil Christofanelli - Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (**Support**) – Waiting to be Perfected and Sent to the Senate

Testimony in Support of HB 757: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb757.pdf>

Testimony in Support of HB 908 – <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb757.pdf>