

## Legislative Update – April 3, 2015

At the end of the day Thursday, April 2, legislators left for Easter Break. They will return Tuesday, April 7, at which point there will be 6 weeks of session left. During these 6 weeks, amongst all the bills to be considered, the budget must be truly agreed & passed by May 8th. There have been 1365 bills and 138 various resolutions filed in the House.

And, there have been 568 bills and 57 various resolutions filed in the Senate.

### Highlights of the Week:

**MRL Supported SB 302 (Sen. Jeanie Riddle)** - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials – April 2, 2015 – Senate Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection – **March 31, 2015 Senate Debated SB 302 for about 35 minutes before laying the bill on the informal calendar. Discussions are ongoing.**

**MRL Supported SB 466 (Sen. Eric Schmitt) and SB 422 (Sen. Rob Schaaf)** – Establishes "**Simon's Law**", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities – April 2, 2015 – Executive Session Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee – **SB 466 and SB 422 were combined into one bill and Voted Do Pass. SB 466 & 422 will now move to the Senate calendar for floor debate.**

### Please be aware on which committees your legislators serve.

See your Senate Committee Members here: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/com-standing.htm>

See your House Committee Members here: <http://www.house.mo.gov/CommitteeList.aspx>

### Bills to Watch:

NOTE: In the following lists of bills Missouri Right to Life's position could change at any time.

#### In the Missouri State Senate:

**SB 24** – Sponsor: David Sater - Modifies provisions of law relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. April 2, 2015 – In Conference - March 17, 2015 - House Committee Sub (HCS) adds in funding for Alternatives to Abortion Program in "Addition" to what is in the regular budget. Missouri Right to Life supports the Alternatives to Abortion Program.

**SB 33** – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Modifies provisions relating to inspection of abortion facilities (Support) – January 15, 2015 – Second Read and Referred Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

**SB 51** – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies Missouri's Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration, and prescribing duties of the Attorney General for enforcement of the act (Support) – March 4, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

**SB 78** – Sponsor: Scott Sifton (Pro-Abortion) - Prohibits an insurer from requiring any waiting period for health insurance coverage for maternity benefits and requires coverage to begin immediately from the effective date of the health insurance policy or plan (Watch) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

**SB 122** – Sponsor: Gina Walsh (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes a Health Care Directives Registry (Watch) – March 31, 2015 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**SB 149** – Sponsor: Mike Parson – Business Incentives Bill – March 31, 2015 – Delivered to Governor

**SB 195** – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires all tax credit programs created on or after August 28, 2015 to comply with the Tax Credit Accountability Act of 2004 (Watch) – January 29, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Jobs,

Economic Development and Local Government Committee

**SB 259** – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – March 4, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

**SB 302** – Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (Support) – April 2, 2015 – Senate Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection – March 31, 2015 Senate Debated SB 302 for about 35 minutes before laying the bill on the informal calendar.

Testimony in Support of SB 302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb302.html>

**SB 306** – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support) – February 12, 2015 – Second Read and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

**SB 342** – Sponsor: Dan Brown - Establishes the Perinatal Advisory Council and sets forth its duties (Watch) – February 26, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

**SB 422** – Sponsor: Rob Schaaf - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support) – April 2, 2015 – Executive Session Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee – SB 422 Combined with SB 466 and Voted Do Pass

Testimony in Support of SB 422: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb422.html>

**SB 466** – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires disclosure of life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities and prohibits denial of life-sustaining treatment or anatomical gifts under specified circumstances (Support) – April 2, 2015 – Executive Session Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee – SB 466 Combined with SB 422 and Voted Do Pass

Testimony in Support of SB 466: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb466.html>

**SB 494** – Sponsor: Paul LeVota (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies a reference to federal statute as it pertains to funding for federally qualified health centers (Under Review) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

**SB 496** – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman – Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information Education Program (Watch) – April 2, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

**SCR 27** – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Insists that the Missouri Congressional delegation endeavor and resolve to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

**SJR 10** – Sponsor: David Sater - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – March 30, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee

**Senate Bills Opposed by MRL:**

**SB 61** – Sponsor: Maria Chappelle-Nadal (Pro-Abortion) - Allows school districts and charter schools to establish and implement an age-appropriate curriculum to educate students about domestic violence and teen dating violence prevention (Oppose) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Education Committee

**SCR 16** – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) – February 10, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

**In the Missouri State House:**

**HB 5** (5.155)– Sponsor: Tom Flanigan - Includes Appropriations for Alternatives-to-Abortion Agencies in the Administrative Budget Bill (MRL Supports the Funding for Alternatives-to-Abortion) - April 2, 2015 – Public Hearing Continued in Senate

House Funds Alternatives to Abortion as follows:

For the purpose of funding alternatives to abortion services:

From General Revenue Fund. . . . . \$2,033,561

From Federal Funds... . . . . 50,000

For the alternative to abortion public awareness program:

From General Revenue Fund . . . . . 75,000

Total . . . . .

\$2,158,561

**HB 7** (7.035) – Sponsor: Tom Flanigan – Includes Pro-Life Protective Language of 196.1127 to prevent Department of Economic Development Budget Monies from funding abortion services, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research (MRL Supports the Pro-Life Language) – April 2, 2015 – Public Hearing Continued in Senate

**HB 32** – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Modifies the "Big Government Get Off My Back Act" (Watch) – March 16, 2015 – Second Read in the Senate and Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee

**HB 81** – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB81: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb81.html>

**HB 97** – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the vote required to pass a statewide ballot measure from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch) – January 20, 2015 – Referred to House Elections Committee

**HB 99** – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion and places in statute protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) - January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB99: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb99.html>

**HB 113** – Sponsor: Bill E. Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in [House Health and Mental Health Policy](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 113: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb113.html>

**HB 118** – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Establishes a statutory cause of action replacing the common law action for damages against a health care provider for personal injury arising out of the rendering of or failure to render health services (Watch) – March 9, 2015 –Reported to the Senate and First Read

**HB 124** – Sponsor: Linda Black - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a video that contains all of the information that must be provided to a woman considering an abortion (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Reported Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee and Referred to the House Select Committee on Social Services

Testimony in Support of HB124: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb124.html>

**HB 131** – Sponsor: Rick Brattin - Requires the written consent of the father of the child before an abortion can be performed, with certain exceptions (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 151** – Sponsor: Jeff Messenger - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 153** – Sponsor: Kim Gardner (Pro-abortion) -Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO Health Net benefits (Watch) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 182** – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the laws regarding custody and visitation rights of a father who attempted to coerce the mother of his child to obtain an abortion (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 190** – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care, Abortion Clinic Inspections (Support) – March 5, Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

Testimony in Support of HB190: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb190.html>

Press Release – February 25, 2015: <http://missourilife.org/news/2015/2015-02-25.html>

House Third Read and Pass Roll Call Vote on HB 190: [www.missourilife.org/assets/028.003.pdf](http://www.missourilife.org/assets/028.003.pdf)

**HB 427** – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care and Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Public Hearing Continued in [House Children and Families](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB427: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb427.html>

**HB 432** – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles (Support) – January 12, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 439** – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2015 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 501** – Sponsor: Genise Monticello (Pro-Abortion) – Requires course materials relating to sexual education to contain information regarding sexual predators, online predators, and the consequences of inappropriate text messaging (Watch) – April 1, 2015 – Perfected by Consent

**HB 601** – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Modifies Missouri' Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration and prescribing duties of the Attorney General (Support) – January 22, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 610** – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Prohibits any person or entity from entering into a Title X of the Public Health Service Act contract with any abortion facility or entity which encourages a woman to have an abortion (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 611** – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Requires any organization, institution, or facility which performs abortions to make an annual accounting of all funds received under Title X of the federal Public Health Services Act (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 627** – Sponsor: Nick King - Authorizes the Manufacturing Infrastructure Investment Act – (Watch) – March 18, 2015 – Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce

**HB 735** – Sponsor: Marsha Haefner - Establishes the "Perinatal Advisory Council" and requires the council to establish standards for all neonatal and maternal levels of birthing hospital care (Under Review) – March 17, 2015 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**HB 774** – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht – Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – February 5, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 808** – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (Watch) – March 19, 2015 – House Rules Committee Reported Do Pass - Consent

**HB 814** – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (Support) – February 10, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 815** – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden -Authorizes a tax deduction for capital gains from investments in qualified businesses provided the deductions are reinvested into another qualified business – March 11, 2015 –Executive Session Held in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce– Pro-Life Protections placed on the bill. As long as the pro-life protective language of 196.1127 stays on the bill, MRL is neutral. (Watch)

**HB 843** – Sponsor: Andrew McDaniel - Establishes the Patient Monitoring Act which allows patients in long-term care facilities or their surrogates to install a monitoring device in the resident's room which broadcasts or records activity (Under Review) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**HB 892** – Sponsor: Lindell Shumake – Missouri Works Program – Currently has Pro-Life Protective Language (Watch) – April 2, 2015 – Reported Do Pass

**HB 919** – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Changes the laws regarding alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

**HB 920** – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection Act from Dismemberment Abortion (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

**HB 963** – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the "2015 Safe Patient Handling and Movement Act" (Under Review) – February 16, 2015 – Read Second

Time

**HB 1033** – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Removes the statutory restriction on the interpretation and construction of state law regarding unborn children which makes it subject to the federal and state constitutions and contrary court decisions (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Read Second Time

**HB 1146** – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Modifies provisions relating to economic development programs (Watch) – March 11, 2015 – Referred to House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention

**HB 1224** – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the standards for newborn safety incubators installed outside certain facilities which allow any person to anonymously place a newborn in the device with the intent to leave the newborn (Support) – March 12, 2015 – House Second Read

**HB 1246** – Sponsor: Caleb Jones - Changes the laws regarding health care decisions (Support) – March 16, 2015 – House Second Read

**HB 1284** – Sponsor: Jered Taylor - Creates the crime of abuse of an unborn child for a person who illegally uses narcotic drugs while pregnant and such use results in harm to the child (Support) – March 16, 2015 – House Second Read

**HB 1290** – Sponsor: Jack Bondon - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations establishing life safety code standards for licensed hospitals (Under Review) – March 31, 2015 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**HB 1307** – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes a civil cause of action against a person who fraudulently misrepresents himself or herself in order to obtain an abortion for a minor (Support) – March 17, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

**HB 1312** – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Requires the department of economic development to classify tax credits as either directly or indirectly benefiting the state (Watch) – April 2, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in House Select Committee on Commerce and HCS Voted Do Pass

**HJR 4** – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the vote required to pass a constitutional amendment from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch) – April 1, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in [House Select Committee on General Laws](#)

**HJR 13** – Sponsor: Scott Fitzpatrick - Proposes a constitutional amendment that increases the percentage of legal voters required to propose an initiative petition amending the Constitution from 8% to 15% (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

**HJR 25** – Sponsor: Mike Cierpiot - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

#### **House Bills Opposed by MRL:**

**HB 307** – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Missouri Death With Dignity Act (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 – Read Second Time

**HB 350** – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Requires a pharmacy to fill abortifacients (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 351** – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Attacks the good work of Pregnancy Resource Centers (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 352** – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires Abortifacients be Available without Full Disclosure of What Abortifacient Drugs Do (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 353** – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Changes the laws regarding sex education in schools to allow those who profit from abortion to speak in schools to our minor children and establishes a law for abortifacients to be given without full disclosure of what the abortion drugs do and establishes or changes other laws to support abortion (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 354** – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires all employers to pay for abortion drugs and devices in their health insurance policies (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 670** – Sponsor: Clem Smith (Pro-Abortion) – Adds peer review articles instead of just medically accurate information when teaching students in school regarding contraceptives. This bill also removes large sections of sex education regarding pregnancy and information presented to students. (Oppose) – January 27, 2015 - Read Second Time

**HB 785** – Sponsor: Bill White - Establishes the Adult Health Care Consent Act (Oppose) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

**HB 809** – Sponsor: Margo McNeil (Pro-Abortion) - Authorizes eligibility for an alternative package of benefits for certain individuals under the MO HealthNet program (Under Review) – February 4, 2015 – Read Second Time

**HCR 33** – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) - February 16, 2015 – Read Second Time