

Legislative Update - December 9, 2016

Pre-Filing of Legislation for 2017 Legislative Session

The First Regular Session of the 99th Missouri General Assembly will kick off at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

Pre-filing of legislation for the 2017 session began Thursday, December 1, 2016. At this time there have been 194 bills and 11 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 157 bills and 5 various resolutions filed in the House.

Your Missouri Right to Life Legislative Team has worked with legislators on pro-life bills to file for the 2017 legislative session. We have also begun reviewing all bills filed and will be reporting weekly in the lifelines during the legislative session. We will update you on bills that have either a positive or negative impact on our ability to protect innocent human lives at every stage of life and development.

Please read these updates. Your knowledge on these important life issues is important for when you speak with your legislators. Your involvement with your legislator is very important!

When we put out a legislative alert for phone calls, e-mails and letters to legislators you need to be ready. Your involvement is important to the passage of good solid pro-life legislation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The most important event you can plan for in 2017 is to attend Pro-Life Action Day on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Missouri State Capitol.

Please print off the "Show Me Life" Action Day flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://www.missouririghttolife.org/assets/2017lobby_day_flyer.pdf

Your attendance at lobby days is essential to the passage of solid pro-life legislation and defunding Planned Parenthood! Because of your work as volunteers in the elections, it will be an exciting time at the Capitol and you will want to be a part of it!

Thank you for your commitment to protecting innocent human lives! Your support of Missouri Right to Life ensures protections for innocent human lives through the legislative process!

See you in Jefferson City on March 14 at the "Show Me Life Action Day"!
Until then.....Merry Christmas to you and your Family!
We have much to be thankful for!

Bills to Watch:

NOTE: In the following lists Missouri Right to Life's position could change at any time depending on amendments that are needed or amendments that can happen at any point in the legislative process.

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 41 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Provides protection for alternatives-to-abortion agencies (**Support**)

SB 67 – 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**)

SB 96 – Sponsor: David Sater - Prohibits certain selective abortions relating to sex, race, or Down Syndrome (**Support**)

SB 196 – Andrew Koenig - Relating to the jurisdiction of the Attorney General to enforce state abortion laws (**Support**)

Under Review/Watch:

SB 70 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) - Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2018 (**Under Review**)

SB 180 – Sponsor: Jamilah Nasheed (Pro-Abortion) - Limits the use of physical restraints on pregnant or postpartum offenders (**Under Review**)

SB 183 – Denny Hoskins - Extends the Big Government Get Off My Back Act and modifies several provisions relating to the collection of money by public entities (**Watch**)

SB 195 – Andrew Koenig - Relating to guardianships (**Under Review**)

Oppose:

SB 71 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Repeals the 72-hour waiting period, physician privileges, and ambulatory surgical center requirements (**Oppose**)

In the Missouri State House:

HB 112 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Modifies provisions of law relating to custody of in vitro human embryos (**Support**)

HB 144 – Sponsor: Joe Don McGaugh - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" (**Support**)

HB 147 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst - Changes the laws regarding the final disposition of aborted fetal remains to require more accountability (**Support**)

HB 174 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Provides protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies (**Support**)

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

Under Review/Watch:

HB 66 – Sponsor: Becky Ruth - Expands the newborn screening requirements to include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) and Hunter syndrome (**Under Review**)

HB 89 – Sponsor: Holly Rehder - Changes the laws regarding the priority of persons to be appointed guardian of an incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person (**Under Review**)

HB 143 – Sponsor: T.J. Berry - Extends the sunset date of the Manufacturing Jobs Act (**Watch**)

HB 146 – Sponsor: T.J. Berry - Establishes the Manufacturing Infrastructure Investment Act, which allows certain businesses to retain withholding taxes (**Watch**)