

Legislative Update – January 15, 2016

2016 “Show Me Life” Action Days – We Need You in Jefferson City!

Two of the most important events that you can plan for in 2016 will be to attend Pro-Life Action Days on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and April 5, 2016 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/lobby_day_flyer2016.pdf

See you in Jefferson City on February 9 and April 5 at the “Show Me Life Action Days”!

2016 Priority Legislation:

- Expanding Abortion Clinic Inspections, Accountability for Disposal of Baby Body Parts, Ensure no selling or buying of baby body parts is happening in Missouri from in state abortion clinics, and ensure that any publicly funded state institution is not buying baby body parts from out of state abortion clinics with our tax dollars, Accountability for licensing of abortionists and abortion facilities as well as oversight of connections between abortion facilities and public institutions.
- Ban Dismemberment Abortions.
- Defund Planned Parenthood.

Bills to Watch in 2016:

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.

At this time there have been 357 bills and 37 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 908 bills and 59 various resolutions filed in the House.

In the Missouri State Senate:

The Missouri Senate Sanctity of Life Committee issued a summary of their work and recommendations for the 2016 Legislative Session. Read their report

here: http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/comm/reports/sanctity_of_life_report.pdf

SB 644 – Sponsor: **Bob Onder** - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

January 12, 2016 – Hearing Held in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB644.pdf>

SB 802 – Sponsor: David Sater - Prohibits abortions performed solely because of a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down Syndrome or the potential of Down Syndrome in an unborn child (**Support**)

January 6, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB802.pdf>

Under Review/Watch:

SB 635 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman - Establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (**Concerns Under Review**)

January 14 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Veterans’ Affairs and Health Committee

SB 873 – Sponsor: David Pearce - Creates the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Initiative (**Watch**)

January 11, 2016 – Senate First Read

In the Missouri State House:

HB 1370 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

January 19, 2016 – Hearing Scheduled in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1370I.PDF>

HB 1714 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1714I.PDF>

HB 1815 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2016 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1815I.PDF>

HB 1903 – Sponsor: Jered Taylor - Creates the crime of abuse of an unborn child for a person who illegally uses narcotic drugs while pregnant (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1903I.PDF>

HB 1915 – Sponsor: Bill Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law" which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1915I.PDF>

HB 1953 - Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1953I.PDF>

HB 1968 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - no physician shall perform an abortion upon a minor unless such physician first obtains the notarized written consent of both the minor and one of her parents or her legal guardian (**Support**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1968I.PDF>

HB 2068 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding the prohibition on the sale of aborted fetal remains (**Support**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2068I.PDF>

HB 2069 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Provides whistleblower protections for employees who work in facilities that handle aborted fetal remains (**Support**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2069I.PDF>

HB 2070 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the definition of "remains of a human fetus" (**Support**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2070I.PDF>

HB 2071 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding abortions and required tissue reports (**Support**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2071I.PDF>

HB 2127 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst – Expands one new section relating to transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

January 12, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2247 – Sponsor: Jeff Messenger - Prohibits the authorization of any public funds or governmental economic incentives for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (**Support**)

January 14, 2016 – Introduced and House First Read

Under Review/Watch:

HB 1511 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Economic Development Grant Program to be used to reopen closed manufacturing facilities (**Watch**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1518 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Allows certain small businesses to be eligible to claim any state tax credit, deduction, and other exemption from tax that specified corporations are allowed to claim (**Watch**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1609 – Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Specifies that all new and existing tax credits shall be approved by the General Assembly as part of the budget process (**Watch**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1617 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Establishes the Bring Jobs Home Act that authorizes a tax deduction for out-of-state businesses that relocate to Missouri (**Watch**)

January 12, 2016 – Referred to House Small Business Committee

HB 1679 – Sponsor: Sheila Solon - Changes the laws regarding the dispensing of contraceptives (**Under Review**)

January 12, 2016 – Referred to House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 1794 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the "All Lives Matter Act", which changes the laws regarding the finding that life begins at conception (**Concerns In Discussion**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1870 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act (**Watch**)

January 13, 2016 – Voted Do Pass in House Small Business Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce

HB 1875 – 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 (**Major Concerns**)

January 12, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 1994 – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (**Concerns Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2033 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Modifies provisions relating to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board and authorizes a tax credit for certain small businesses (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2201 – Sponsor: Deb Lavender (Pro-Abortion) – Expansion of Health Care and access to abortion with public tax dollars (**Under Review**)

January 14, 2016 – House Second Read

HJR 68 – Sponsor: Paul Curtman - Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's rights of conscience (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

Oppose:

HB 1752 – Sponsor: Randy Dunn (Pro-Abortion) - Specifies that a person is presumed to have consented to organ

donation at the time a person applies for or renews his or her driver's license unless he or she signs a statement opting out (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1905 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces the State to use education materials that are biased and misleading in their support for abortion rather than factual medical information (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1906 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pregnancy Resource Centers and other pro-life institutions to advertise and refer for abortions (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1907 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pharmacists to fill abortion drugs (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1908 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Presents Abortion as a Compassionate Alternative to a Woman in a Vulnerable Situation (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1909 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Pregnant Workers (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1918 – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Physician Licensing (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1919 – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Death Bill (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1978 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Employers, employees and Reproductive Health Care (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HCR 65 – Sponsor: Jeanne Kirkton (Pro-Abortion) - Urges Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to state that corporations are not human beings and do not have the same rights as citizens (**Oppose**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

Update on Legislation Passed in 2014:

The "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" was created in 2014 by the Missouri House and Senate to provide insurance for pregnant women who earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but don't have affordable private-sector insurance. The plan was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Through the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program, pregnant women with incomes up to 30% of the federal poverty level will have access to pregnancy-related services that promote healthy labor, delivery and birth. Women participating in the program will have postpartum coverage for sixty days. Coverage for the child will continue for up to one year after birth.

The MO HealthNet Division, which operates the state's Medicaid system, began accepting online applications for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program on January 1, 2016. **If you know a woman who can benefit from this program, you can share the following information regarding how to apply for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program. This program will help a woman choose life for her unborn child and help her and her unborn child get off to a healthy start in life.** . The program is expected to expand access to health care to an estimated 1,800 pregnant women each year.

MO HealthNet for Pregnant Women application: <https://mydss.mo.gov/>. Or the pregnant woman can call 1-855-373-9994 to complete the application by phone, or in person at the nearest Family Support Division Resource Center. <http://dss.mo.gov/offices.htm>

