

Legislative Update – April 5, 2013

Spotlight for the Week

On Thursday, April 4th, the Missouri Senate Passed SB 126, Sponsored by Senator David Sater, by a vote of 24 to 9. SB 126 is the Legislation that gives protection to pharmacy owners from being forced to carry or maintain in inventory any drug or device. SB 126 now moves to the House for consideration.

Also, SB 175 was voted do pass by the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on Tuesday evening, April 2nd. On Thursday, April 4th, SB 175 was reported to the Senate by Senator Bob Dixon, Chairman of the committee. SB 175 is now on the Senate Formal Calendar, Senate Bills for Perfection for consideration by the whole Senate.

[Click : Here to see if your Senator voted to Protect Pharmacy Owners on SB 126](#)

Priority Pro-Life Legislation

SB 175 & HB 400 - Establishes the requirements for the administration and regulation of RU-486 and other abortion-inducing drugs and chemicals and would ban web-cam abortions in MO. When web-cam abortions began in Iowa they went from approximately 5 abortion clinics to 17. We do not want this to happen in Missouri!

SB 175 is sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford. Chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Senator Bob Dixon reported SB 175 do pass to the Senate, April 4. SB 175 is now on the Senate Formal Calendar, Senate Bills for Perfection. We ask the Senate to take up and pass SB 175 to stop web-cam abortions in Missouri.

HB 400 is sponsored by Representative Jeanie Riddle and 114 other House members (a veto proof bi-partisan majority). HB 400 is on the House Calendar for Perfection.

Budget Bills and Economic Development

The Budget Bills have been assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Deliberation will begin next week. After the Senate has completed their process with the Budget, the House and Senate must come to a compromise between the two versions. Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed by May 10th. These bills still have a long way to go before they are completed.

Thank you to all House members that supported the Alternatives to Abortion (A2A) program and the public awareness program for A2A, found in HCS HB 5. At this point in the process, the House budgeted \$1,533, 561 for the Alternatives to Abortion program and \$50,000 for the A2A public awareness program.

Thank you to all House members that supported pro-life protections on HCS HB 7, the Economic Development and Appropriation Budget Bill. The pro-life language in Section 7.035 of HCS HB 7 will prevent the tax dollars in this bill from funding human cloning and research on human embryos.

We continue to monitor a multitude of economic development bills, watching for language that would put innocent human lives at risk due to open-ended life sciences research that would include human cloning and research on human embryos. We are seeking pro-life protections.

Movement on Pro-life Legislation: NOTE: Last Day of Session is Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 20 (Includes SB's 15 & 19): Senator Bob Dixon (and Senator Ron Richard), Sponsors – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Signed by the Governor on Friday, March 29th in Cape Girardeau.

SB 40: Senator Scott Sifton, Sponsor - Immediate Coverage for Maternity Benefits – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 50: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor - Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage

in Religious Practices – Hearing Completed in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Feb 18. Bill Still in Committee.

SB 84: Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor - Protection of Conscience Rights of Medical Professionals – SCS SB 84 Voted Do Pass, March 11

SB 111: Senator Ed Emery, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 24

SB 126: Senator David Sater, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Passed the Missouri Senate on Thursday, April 4th by a vote of 24 to 9. House First Read, April 4th

SB 175: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor – Regulation of RU 486, Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Voted do pass by the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, April 2. Reported in to the Senate by Senator Bob Dixon, Chairman of the Committee and placed on the Senate Formal Calendar, Senate Bills for Perfection, April 4

SB 185: Senator David Sater, Sponsor – Criminalizes Drug Abuse During Pregnancy – Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 31

SB 318: Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor – Updates Abortion Statistic Reporting – Second Read and Referred to Committee, February 28

SB 393: Senator Doug Libla, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion - Second Read and Referred to Committee, March 13

SJR 17: Senator Brian Nieves, Sponsor – Seeks Voter Approval to Give Support for State’s Right to Refuse to Legalize or Fund Abortion if Forced to by the Federal Government. This is One Part of a Larger Resolution that Includes Numerous Conservative Issues – Second Read and Referred to Committee, March 13

In the Missouri State House:

HB 31: Rep. Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor – Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 12

HB 87: Rep. Eric Burlison, Sponsor – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passed House, Second Read in Senate and Referred to Committee, February 20

HB 177: Rep. Andrew Koenig, Sponsor – Abortion Inducing Drug Safety Act: Regulation of RU 486 – Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 13

HB 288: Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor – Reinstates and removes sunsets of the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – HCS Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, February 19

HB 298: Rep. Keith English, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion - HCS Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 13

HB 378: Rep. Mike Kelley, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Referred to Committee, February 27

HB 386: Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor - Prohibits an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis – Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 6

HB 400: Rep. Jeanie Riddle, Sponsor – Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 13 - Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 14 – On the House Perfection Calendar

HB 457: Rep. Tim Jones, Sponsor - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles – Passed the House by a veto-proof bi-partisan majority of 116 yes to 41 no, March 12 - Second Read in the Senate and Referred to Committee, March 28

HB 716: Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Sponsor - Establishes the "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate CHIPs program for low-income unborn children – Hearing Completed in the House Children, Families and Persons With Disabilities Committee, March 26

HCR 35: Rep. Tim Jones, Sponsor - Requests the Attorney General to argue on appeal that the federal

contraception mandate violates the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act as well as the First Amendment of the Constitution, Referred to Rules Committee, April 4

HJR 19: Rep. Kurt Bahr, Sponsor - Proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that each citizen has an inherent liberty that includes being able to make decisions regarding lawful health care related services or products - This Resolution would address the health care rationing in Obamacare - Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 13

Senate Bills Opposed by Missouri Right to Life:

SB 93: Repeals provision making changes enacted by Senate Bill 7, MOSIRA (1st Ext. Sess. 2011) contingent on the passage of another act - This act would remove the connecting language and put MOSIRA into effect. Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 17

SCR 6: Urges ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. A State ERA has been used for the basis to publicly fund abortion. Hearing was Cancelled, February 5

House Bills Opposed by Missouri Right to Life:

HCR 36: Urges ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. A State ERA has been used for the basis to publicly fund abortion. Read Second Time, April 2

House Bills MRL Formerly Opposed and "at this time" Have Become Neutral on:

HB 389: Rep. Anne Zerr, Sponsor - Economic Development Bill dealing with types of research. MRL requested pro-life protections since "human" life sciences research was a part of this bill. The committee chose to simply take out the funding for human research and maintain the other forms of research. Missouri Right to Life becomes neutral at this time and will monitor any changes to HCS HB 389.