

# Legislative Update - February 15, 2013

**See You Tuesday, February 19, in Jefferson City at Pro-Life Lobby Day.  
Participation is Crucial to Movement of Pro-Life Legislation!**

Legislators need to see you in the Capitol on February 19! Please see lobby day flyer for more information: [http://www.missourilife.org/news/2013/lobby\\_day-2013.pdf](http://www.missourilife.org/news/2013/lobby_day-2013.pdf)

## **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.

**SB 175** is sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford. SB 175 has been placed on the Calendar for a hearing before the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee for Monday evening, February 18.

**HB 400** is sponsored by Representative Jeanie Riddle and 114 other House members (a veto proof bi-partisan majority). HB 400 has been referred to the House Health Care Policy Comm.

## **Reinstatement of PRC Tax Credit Bills:**

This week SB 20, the reinstatement of Tax Credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers, was heard in the House Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee. SB 20 was amended in committee and therefore if the House Committee Sub passes the House, it must go back to the Senate for a final vote. HB 87 passed the Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday, February 7, 2013 and has been first read in the Senate. These bills garner their strong support because of the services that will be provided by the organizations receiving these tax credits to help those in our society who are in need. SB 20 & HB 87 are known as the "Benevolent Tax Credit Bills" and include a multitude of social need tax credits which includes tax credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers.

## **ONGOING ACTION ALERT – KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS:**

Here is a great article from a recent MRL Newsletter to read and make sure your legislators read. [http://missourilife.org/news/2012/mlr\\_news\\_dec-jan2013-page1.pdf](http://missourilife.org/news/2012/mlr_news_dec-jan2013-page1.pdf) "Being Pro-Life is Not Just About Abortion".

## **Regarding Economic Development Legislation and Appropriation Funding:**

We are following a multitude of economic development pieces of legislation watching for language that would put innocent human lives at risk due to open-ended life sciences research that would include human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. **Many of these bills as well as appropriation bills for economic development are beginning to move and we still need your phone calls to ask that Missouri Right to Life Pro-Life Protections be placed on these bills.**

## **Movement on other Pro-life Legislation:**

### **In the Missouri State Senate:**

SB 20 (Includes SB 15): Senator Bob Dixon (and Senator Ron Richard), Sponsors – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passed the Senate, House Hearing Completed with Passage of House Committee Sub

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 Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

SB 84: Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor - Protection of Conscience Rights of Medical Professionals – Hearing Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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

SB 126: Senator David Sater, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Hearing Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

SB 175: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor – Regulation of RU 486, Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Hearing Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18 in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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

SB 318: Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor – Updates Abortion Statistic Reporting – First Read

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 – First Read

**In the Missouri State House:**

HB 31: Rep. Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor – Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Second Read

HB 87: Rep. Eric Burlison, Sponsor – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passed House and First Read in Senate

HB 177: Rep. Andrew Koenig, Sponsor – Abortion Inducing Drug Safety Act: Regulation of RU 486 – Referred to Committee

HB 288: Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor – Reinstates and removes sunsets of the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Committee Hearing Held

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

HB 386: Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor - Prohibits an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis – Referred to Committee

HB 400: Rep. Jeanie Riddle, Sponsor – Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Referred to Committee

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 – Referred to Committee