

Legislative Update – April 5, 2019

**There are 6 Weeks of the 2019 Legislative Session Remaining.
Watch for Action Alerts as we Move through these last Weeks.**

Highlights of the Week:

Missouri Right to Life testified in Support of HB 126 as amended in the Senate Health and Pensions Committee. HB 126 as amended in the House is the pro-life omnibus bill which includes a new model of the heartbeat bill, the pain capable unborn child protection act, and a “trigger bill” to ban abortion in Missouri when Roe vs. Wade is overturned. HB 126 as amended also includes a ban on abortion when based solely on race, gender or Down Syndrome, two custodial parent notification prior to a minor having an abortion, language requiring that informed consent information be given to women when they are referred to an out-of-state abortion clinic and an increase in liability insurance for those performing an abortion. This is a great pro-life bill and we look forward to the Senate moving this bill forward for passage and for HB 126 as amended to be sent to the Governor for his signature.

Also this week Missouri Right to Life testified in Opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) because it has been used in other states to require funding for abortion with state tax dollars. The ERA is not about equality for women in the workforce, it is about forcing the state to pay for abortions with our state tax dollars.

Bills to Watch:

To date there have been 518 bills and 63 various resolutions filed in the Missouri Senate. There have been 1255 bills and 159 various resolutions filed in the Missouri House.

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 106- Sponsor: Denny Hoskins – Two Custodial Parent Notification before a Minor has an Abortion (**Support**)
February 13, 2019 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

SCS SB 279- Sponsors: Bob Onder and Ed Emery - Establishes the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” (**Support**)

April 5, 2019 – Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

March 13, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 279 Combined in SCS with SB 139 and SB 345 (SCS SB 279) and Voted Do Pass

SB 287- Sponsor: Paul Wieland – Allows for a pregnant person to enroll in an insurance program under certain circumstances when that insurance health plan has limited enrollment time periods (**Support**)

March 27, 2019 - Hearing Held in Senate Insurance and Banking Committee

SB 312- Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Establishes the mission of the Department of Health and Senior Services ensuring healthy Missourians at every stage of biological development and protecting all human life from conception to natural death, irrespective of age, health, or condition of dependency (**Support**)

April 5, 2019 – Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

SB 338 – Sponsor: Paul Wieland – Excludes emergency contraception from MO HealthNet Family planning coverage (**Support**) February 21, 2019 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 388- Sponsor: Eric Burlison – Establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” (**Support**)
March 27, 2019 – Executive Session Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee and Voted Do

Pass

SB 406- Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford – Simon’s Law **(Support)**

March 27, 2019 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 420- Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires informed consent information be given to women who are referred to out of state abortion clinics at the time of referral **(Support)**

April 3, 2019 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SCR 16 – Sponsor: Paul Wieland - This concurrent resolution urges the cessation of economic activity with states like New York that have passed certain laws regarding abortion and requests the Governor of Missouri to cease all non-emergency activity or events in such states **(Support)**

February 12, 2019 – Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

In the Missouri State House:

HB 126 with Amendments (<http://www.missourilife.org/news/2019/pr-hb126.html>)

Sponsor: Nick Schroer – Heartbeat Bill, Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act banning abortion when Roe is overturned, 2 custodial parent notification prior to a minor having an abortion, ban of abortion based on race, gender or Down Syndrome, requirement for all women being referred to out of state abortion clinic to receive informed consent information, expansion of insurance requirements for physician performing abortion **(Support)**

April 3, 2019 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

February 27, 2019 – House Third Read (117 Yes, 39 No) and sent to the Senate. Senate First Read

HB 138- Sponsor: Bill Kidd – Simon’s Law **(Support)**

April 3, 2019 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

February 25, 2019 – Reported to the Senate and First Read

HB 861- Sponsor: Chris Dinkins – Prioritization of Funds for Federal Programs relating to public funding for family planning **(Support)** February 11, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 920- Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Care for Female Offenders **(Support Floor Amendment #2 Requiring Education for Those Handling Female Offenders Who Are Pregnant – House Floor Vote was a Voice Vote on April 3, 2019)**

HB 971- Sponsor: Doug Richey – Establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” **(Support)**

March 26, 2019 – Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

HB 977- Sponsor: Lane Roberts – Adds provisions relating to social model end of life care homes **(Watch)**

April 3, 2019 – Hearing Held in House Special Committee on Aging

HB 1047- Sponsor: Dottie Bailey - Modifies provisions of law relating to custody of in vitro human embryos **(Support)**

February 26, 2019 – House Second Read

HB 1195- Sponsor: Hannah Kelly - Prohibits the donation or anatomical gift of fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion **(Support)**

March 13, 2019 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

The Senate Continues Their Work on State Budget Bills. We will keep you updated on these provisions as the Senate and House move forward to complete the budget.

Provisions in Budget Bills MRL is Supporting:

HCS HB 7:

Section 7.015 – Department of Economic Development

Pro-Life Protective Language on Missouri Technology Investment Funds distributed by the Missouri Technology

Corporation so these public dollars do not go to research companies that do human cloning or embryonic stem cell research as defined in statute 196.1127. This language is only for the public dollars in this fund (\$3,500,000)

HCS HB 10:

Section 10.725 – Pro-Life Language on funding for Family Planning Programs run by the State Health Agencies so that NO public monies can be used for abortion services or abortion referrals.

Section 10.1005 – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Health and Senior Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.

Section 10.1010 – Pro-Life Language to prevent Medicaid Expansion through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). NOTE: Obamacare includes abortion services and healthcare rationing.

HCS HB 11:

Section 11.155 - Alternative to Abortion Program (A2A) covers a wide range of pregnancy care to give women and families in crisis pregnancies an option to choose life for their unborn child. This program provides helps throughout and after the pregnancy. In addition to the pregnancy care, this budget line also includes funding for diapers and other infant hygiene products as well as funding for a program initiative to help young new families build a healthy marriage and base for fatherhood. (\$8,958,561)

Section 11.645 - Pilot Program to assist pregnant women, addicted to opioids, to get off of drugs. (\$1,398,993)

Section 11.730 – Show-Me Healthy Babies to help women while pregnant with pre-natal care. (\$32,595,141)

Section 11.920 (Part 2) – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Social Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.

Section 11.925 – Pro-Life Language to prevent Medicaid Expansion through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). NOTE: Obamacare includes abortion services and healthcare rationing.

Section 11.930 (Part 3) – Pro-Life Language directing the Department of Social Services that NO public funds in their budget shall be expended to pay for abortion services or abortion referrals through any agency.