

## **Legislative Update - February 8, 2013**

### **Lobby Day Participation is Crucial to Movement of Priority 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:**

**HB 400 & SB 175** - Establishes the requirements for the administration and regulation of RU-486 and other abortion-inducing drugs and chemicals.

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.

SB 175 is sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford. SB 175 has been referred to the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Comm.

### **Reinstatement of PRC Tax Credit Bill Passes the House, On its Way to the Senate:**

Reinstatement of Tax Credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers, HB 87, passed the Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday, February 7, 2013. This bill, like SB 20, garners its 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. HB 87 is also known as the "Benevolent Tax Credit Bill" and includes a multitude of social need tax credits which includes tax credits for Pregnancy Resource Centers. HB 87 now moves to the Senate.

The Senate version of the "Benevolent Tax Credit Bill", SB 20, has been second read and awaits assignment to committee.

### **UPDATE ON LAST WEEK'S ACTION ALERTS:**

#### **Regarding Economic Development Legislation:**

We are following a multitude of economic development 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 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.**

#### **Regarding the ERA:**

Missouri Right to Life and National Right to Life oppose SCR 6 which seeks to ratify the "Equal Rights Amendment." This concurrent resolution is the language of the proposed 1972 ERA and is virtually identical to language that the major pro-abortion groups have used in other states (including New Mexico) for highly successful legal attacks on laws protecting unborn children and limiting tax funding of abortion. SCR 6 had been assigned to be heard in the Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee on Tuesday, February 5. **The hearing on SCR 6 was cancelled.**

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

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

SB 40 - Immediate Coverage for Maternity Benefits – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 50 – Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 84 – Protection of Conscience Rights of Medical Professionals – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 111 – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 126 – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 175 – Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SB 185 – Criminalizes Drug Abuse During Pregnancy – Second Read and Referred to Committee

SJR 17 – 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 – Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Second Read

HB 87 – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passed House and Sent to Senate

HB 177 – Abortion Inducing Drug Safety Act: Regulation of RU 486 – Referred to Committee

HB 288 – Reinstates and removes sunsets of the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Committee Hearing Held

HB 378 – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Second Read

HB 386 - Prohibits an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis – Referred to Committee

HB 400 – Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Referred to Committee

HB 457 - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles – Second Read