

Legislative Update – March 17, 2017

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK WAS THE INSPIRING PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY!

“Thank you” to all the Pro-life people from all across the state that showed up in Jefferson City to speak to your legislators and listen to our statewide leaders!

It was a wonderful day! Inspiring messages, prayers and music!

Pray for our statewide leaders as they work to protect our tenants of faith and pro-life values. And, pray for our legislators as they work to pass pro-life legislation to save babies, protect women and protect our religious liberties!

NOTE: Legislators are on Spring Break March 18 – March 26.

When they come back on Monday, March 27, there will be 7 weeks left in the 2017 session.

FOLLOW UP ON MONDAY, MARCH 27: Call your Senator and Representative and ask them to pass pro-life legislation on the Missouri Right to Life card that you left with them. Innocent little lives are being lost while they tarry. (Stop sanctuary cities for abortion, require annual inspections of abortion facilities, accounting of baby body parts, 20 week ban on abortion & many more!)

Links to phone numbers:

Senate: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/senators-listing/>

House: <http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx>

Stats for Legislation filed in the 2017 Legislative Session:

There have been 544 bills and 54 various resolutions filed in the Senate.

And, there have been 1246 bills and 136 various resolutions filed in the House.

Bills to Watch:

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 15 – Sponsor: Bob Dixon - Extends the expiration date of tax credits for donations to pregnancy centers **(Support)**

Hearing Held in Senate Economic Development Committee – January 31, 2017

Testimony in Support of SB 15: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb15.html>

SB 41 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Provides protection for alternatives-to-abortion agencies **(Support)**

Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – February 23, 2017

Voted Do Pass Out of Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – January 25, 2017

Vote was 5 in Support: Senators Sater, Riddle, Romine, Schaaf and Wieland

Vote of 2 Opposed: Senators Chappelle-Nadal and Schupp

Testimony in Support of SB 41: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb41.html>

SB 67 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies provisions of law relating to abortion, including donation of fetal tissue, tissue reports, abortion reports, employee disclosure policies, and abortion facility inspections **(Support)**

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – February 16, 2017

Voted Do Pass Out of Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – January 25, 2017

Vote was 5 in Support: Senators Sater, Riddle, Romine, Schaaf and Wieland

Vote of 2 Opposed: Senators Chappelle-Nadal and Schupp

Testimony in Support of SB 67: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb67.html>

SB 96 – Sponsor: David Sater - Prohibits certain selective abortions relating to sex, race, or Down Syndrome
(**Support**)

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – March 2, 2017

Voted Do Pass Out of Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – January 25, 2017

Vote was 5 in Support: Senators Sater, Riddle, Romine, Schaaf and Wieland

Vote of 2 Opposed: Senators Chappelle-Nadal and Schupp

Testimony in Support of SB 96: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb96.html>

SCS SB 180 – Sponsor: Jamilah Nasheed (Pro-Abortion) – Sets parameters on the use of physical restraints on pregnant or postpartum offenders and provides medical needs for unborn baby and help woman with drug rehabilitation

(**Senate Pro-lifers Worked on Bill – Support SCS SB 180**)

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Public Hearing Held in Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee – March 2, 2017

SB 196 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Grants the Attorney General concurrent original jurisdiction to enforce the state's abortion laws (**Support**)

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – March 2, 2017

Voted Do Pass Out of Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – January 25, 2017

Vote was 5 in Support: Senators Sater, Riddle, Romine, Schaaf and Wieland

Vote of 2 Opposed: Senators Chappelle-Nadal and Schupp

Testimony in Support of SB 196: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb196.html>

SB 230 – Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (**Support**)

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – March 2, 2017

Voted Do Pass Out of Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – February 1, 2017

Testimony in Support of SB 230: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb230.html>

SB 274 – Sponsor: Paul Wieland - Allows enrollment in a health benefit plan by a pregnant person under certain circumstances (**Support**)

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Insurance and Banking Committee – January 19, 2017

SB 375 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the law regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

Hearing to be Continued in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – March 29, 2017

Testimony in Support of SB 375: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/sb375.html>

SB 408 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Requires the use of a fetal heartbeat detection test prior to an abortion and prohibits an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected (**Have Concerns**)

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – February 13, 2017

SB 432 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Modifies provisions of law relating to custody of in-vitro (IVF) human embryos
(**Support**)

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – February 23, 2017

SB 493 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" (**Support**)

Senate Second Read and Referred to Committee – March 2, 2017

SCR 10 – Sponsor: Paul Wieland - Urges the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen to defeat Board Bill 203 and

protect the religious liberty and right of conscience of Missouri citizens **(Support)**

Language of SCR 10: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/pdf-bill/intro/SCR10.pdf>

Senate Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee – January 23, 2017

Under Review/Watch:

SB 70 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) - Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2018 **(Under Review)**

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee – January 10, 2017

SB 78 – Sponsor: Jay Wasson - Establishes the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act **(Working to Get Pro-Life Protections on the Bill)**

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Economic Development Committee – January 10, 2017

SB 183 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Extends the Big Government Get Off My Back Act and modifies several provisions relating to the collection of money by public entities **(Under Review)**

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – March 2, 2017

SCS Voted Do Pass in Senate Government Reform Committee – March 1, 2017

SB 195 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Relating to guardianships **(Watch)**

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – March 27, 2017

Reported Do Pass to the Senate – February 16, 2017

On Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection – February 22, 2017

Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – February 1, 2017

Oppose:

SB 71 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Repeals the 72-hour waiting period, physician privileges, and ambulatory surgical center requirements **(Oppose)**

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee – January 10, 2017

SCR 22 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) - Would ratify the so-called equal rights amendment specifically to make tax payers pay for all abortions **(Oppose)**

Second Read and Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee – March 2, 2017

In the Missouri State House:

HB 112 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Modifies provisions of law relating to custody of in-vitro (IVF) human embryos **(Support)**

Referred to House Judiciary Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 144 – Sponsor: Joe Don McGaugh - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" **(Support)**

Referred to Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – February 27, 2017

Voted Do Pass HCS HB 144 – February 23, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Judiciary Committee – February 23, 2017

Amendment to HCS HB 144 – **MRL Now in Support of HCS HB 144 “as amended”**

Hearing Held in House Judiciary Committee – February 14, 2017

Testimony for Information Only on HB 144: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb144.pdf>

HB 147 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst - Changes the laws regarding the final disposition of aborted fetal remains to require more accountability **(Support)**

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 174 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Provides protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies **(Support)**

On House Bills for Perfection Calendar – March 27, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – March 13, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee – February 21, 2017

Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee – February 14, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 174: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb174.html>

HB 182 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst - Prohibits a person from transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without the consent required by Missouri law (**Support**)

Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – March 15, 2017

Executive Session Held in House Children and Families Committee – March 7, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 182: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb182.html>

HB 194 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Strengthens the laws regarding the accounting of baby body parts from abortion (**Support**)

Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – March 15, 2017

Executive Session Held in House Children and Families Committee – March 7, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 194: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb194.html>

HB 326 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller – Two Parent Notification Before a Minor has an Abortion (**Support**)

Reported Do Pass to the House – March 6, 2017

Referred to House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – March 1, 2017

Second Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee – February 28, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee – February 21, 2017

Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee – February 14, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 326: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb326.html>

HB 382 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 404 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht – The Heartbeat Informed Consent Act (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 440 – Sponsor: Bill Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (**Support**)

Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 456 – Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Modifies provisions of law relating to abortion, including donation of fetal tissue, tissue reports, abortion reports, employee disclosure policies, and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 537 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 565- Sponsor: Nick Schroer - Changes the requirements for reporting abortions and creates a civil remedy for violation of the confidentiality of certain records (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 602 – Sponsor: Rick Brattin - Changes the laws regarding the accounting of baby body parts from abortions (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 655 – Sponsor: Kevin Engler - Extends the expiration date of tax credits for donations to pregnancy centers (**Support**)

March 14, 2017 – [MRL Supports HB 655](#) – Sponsor: Kevin Engler - Extends the expiration date of tax credits for donations to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. NOTE: MRL testified before the Senate Economic Development Committee on SB 15, the companion bill to HB 655. Pro-Life Lobby day activities were ongoing during this Senate hearing. Attached is the testimony prepared for this hearing on HB 655.

<http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb655s.html>

Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Economic Development Comm. – March 9, 2017

Perfected with Amendments – February 22, 2017

Reported Do Pass to House – February 14, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 655: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb655.html>

HB 692 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Prohibits abortions of unborn children capable of feeling pain (**Support**)

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 8, 2017

HB 709 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Proposes a constitutional amendment very possibly putting pro-life language at risk. The savings clause is a good thing. (**Have Concerns**)

NOTE: Missouri Right to Life supports the concept and goal of the bill but we have concerns about timing and the risks to pro-life laws. The savings clause is a good thing in this bill.

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 757 – Sponsor: Phil Christofanelli – Establishes the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” (**Support**)

See HCS HB 908 & 757 From March 7, 2017 forward

Combined with HB 908 – Now is HCS HB 908 & 757 – March 7, 2017

Executive Session Held in House Children and Families Committee – March 7, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 757: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb757.pdf>

HCS HB's 908 & 757 – Sponsors: Donna Lichtenegger & Phil Christofanelli - Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (**Support**)

Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – March 15, 2017

Combined with HB 757 – Now is HCS HB 908 & 757 – March 7, 2017

Executive Session Held in House Children and Families Committee – March 7, 2017

Testimony in Support of HB 908 – NOTE: Testimony same as HB 757

<http://missourilife.org/legislation/2017/hb757.pdf>

HB 989 – Sponsor: Phil Christofanelli - Prohibits certain political subdivisions from establishing themselves as sanctuaries for abortions (**Support**)

House Second Read – February 22, 2017

HB 1157 – Sponsor: David Gregory - Grants the Attorney General concurrent original jurisdiction to enforce the state's abortion laws (**Support**)

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

HB 1223 – Sponsor: Mike Kelley - Allows the family of a pregnant woman to help her by seeking treatment for her if she is abusing drugs (**Under Review**)

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

HCR 21 – Sponsor: Nick Schroer - Urges the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen to defeat Board Bill 203 and protect the religious liberty and right of conscience of Missouri citizens (**Support**)

Language of HCR 21: <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills171/hlrbillspdf/1613H.011.pdf>

Referred to House Children and Families Committee – February 16, 2017

HCR 31 – Sponsor: DaRon McGee (Pro-Abortion) – Proposes a "Safe Haven for Newborns Awareness Day" in Missouri (**Under Review**)

House Second Read – February 13, 2017

HJR 18 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Proposes a constitutional amendment very possibly putting pro-life language at risk. (**Have Concerns**)

NOTE: Missouri Right to Life supports the concept and goal of the bill but we have concerns about timing and the risks to pro-life laws.

Referred to Rules Committee on Legislative Oversight – February 22, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee – February 21, 2017

Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee – February 14, 2017

HR 403 – Sponsor: Nick Schroer - Urges the United States Senate to confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch as Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States (**Support**)

House Adopted – March 1, 2017

Voted Do Pass in House Rules on Administrative Oversight – February 20, 2017

Testified in Support of HR 403 in House Rules on Administrative Oversight Committee – February 20, 2017

Under Review/Watch:

HB 89 – Sponsor: Holly Rehder - Changes the laws regarding the priority of persons to be appointed guardian of an incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person

(Under Review)

Referred to House Judiciary Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 143 – Sponsor: T.J. Berry - Extends the sunset date of the Manufacturing Jobs Act **(Watch)**

Referred to House Economic Development Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 146 – Sponsor: T.J. Berry - Establishes the Manufacturing Infrastructure Investment Act, which allows certain businesses to retain withholding taxes **(Watch)**

Referred to House Economic Development Committee – February 16, 2017

HB 233 – Sponsor: Shamed Dogan – Changes the laws regarding the dispensing of contraceptives **(Watch)**

Referred to House Rules Committee on Administrative Oversight – March 9, 2017

Executive Session Held in House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee – March 8, 2017

Re-Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee – February 21, 2017

HB 252 – Sponsor: Jered Taylor - Provides that a person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree if she knowingly uses a narcotic drug without a prescription while pregnant **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 367 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Regarding Sexual Assault Policies **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 374 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Regarding Release of Health Care Information **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 375 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Regarding Consideration of Women's Equality **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 376 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Regarding how Employers Treat Reproductive Health **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 377 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Regarding how an Employer Treats a Woman Based on her Reproductive Choices **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 526 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Economic Development Grant Program whose funds are used to reopen closed manufacturing facilities **(Under Review)**

Referred to House Economic Development Committee – February 1, 2017

HB 1002 – Sponsor: Tracy McCreery (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes protections for pregnant offenders and offenders who are in postpartum recovery while in custody at a correctional center or county or city jail **(Watch)**

House Second Read – February 23, 2017

HB 1014 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Requires the Missouri State Museum to include a display on the history of abortion with instruments used in abortions as well as pictures of abortion tools and the effects of these tools **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – February 23, 2017

HB 1176 – Sponsor: Jeff Pogue - Expands child neglect to include a child that is born with a controlled substance in the child's fluids because the pregnant mother knowingly used a controlled substance before birth **(Under Review)**

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

HB 1177 – Sponsor: Jeff Pogue - Changes the laws regarding abortion **(Have Major Concerns)**

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

HB 1188 – Sponsor: Shamed Dogan - Allows a health care provider to transfer a long-acting reversible contraceptive to a patient other than the patient to whom it was initially prescribed in certain circumstances (**Watch**)

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

Oppose:

HB 236 – Sponsor: Deb Lavender (Pro-Abortion) - Forces Pregnancy Resource Centers to use education materials that are biased and misleading. PRC's would be forced to provide information in support of abortion rather than providing factual medical information (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 368 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Changes and repeals laws on abortion (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 369 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Changes and repeals laws on abortion (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 370 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Establishes and creates programs that would include abortion (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 371 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Establishes abortion requirement as response to rape (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 372 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces State to Dispense Abortion Drugs (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 373 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces State to Dispense Some Drugs considered abortifacients (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 5, 2017

HB 524 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) – Establishes Assisted Suicide in Missouri (**Oppose**)

Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee – March 8, 2017

HB 759 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Establishes Respect for Abortion Without Acknowledging the Killing of the Baby and the Risks for Women (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – January 26, 2017

HB 1222 – Sponsor: Steven Roberts (Pro-Abortion) – Gives Protection to people who kill other people through the disguise of assisted suicide (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – March 2, 2017

HCR 23 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Would ratify the so-called equal rights amendment specifically to make tax payers pay for all abortions (**Oppose**)

House Second Read – February 2, 2017