

Legislative Update – March 6, 2015

There have been 1134 bills and 115 various resolutions filed in the House.
And, there have been 568 bills and 51 various resolutions filed in the Senate.
February 26 was the last day that any new Senate bills could be introduced.
Your Missouri Right to Life Legislative Team is actively reviewing and acting on all bills dealing with life issues.
This report gives you an update on relevant bills each week.

<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY, MARCH 10 PRO-LIFERS WILL GATHER IN JEFFERSON CITY TO STAND FOR LIFE YOUR PRESENCE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE WILL YOU BE HERE? WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in Jefferson City, MO. Rally begins at Noon: 1st floor rotunda. Please print off this flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/prolife_action_day.pdf</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Questions: Call MRL State Office at: 573-635-5110</p>

Please be aware on which committees your legislators serve.

See your Senate Committee Members here:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/com-standing.htm>

See your House Committee Members here:

<http://www.house.mo.gov/CommitteeList.aspx>

Bills to Watch:

NOTE: In the following lists of bills 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. Please watch carefully.....

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 33 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Modifies provisions relating to inspection of abortion facilities (Support) – January 15, 2015 – Second Read and Referred Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

SB 51 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Modifies Missouri's Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration, and prescribing duties of the Attorney General for enforcement of the act (Support) – March 4, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

SB 78 – Sponsor: Scott Sifton (Pro-Abortion) - Prohibits an insurer from requiring any waiting period for health insurance coverage for maternity benefits and requires coverage to begin immediately from the effective date of the health insurance policy or plan (Watch) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee

SB 122 – Sponsor: Gina Walsh (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes a Health Care Directives Registry (Watch) – March 9, 2015 - Senate Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading—Senate Sub for Senate Committee Sub for SB 122

SB 149 – Sponsor: Mike Parson – Business Incentives Bill (Watch) – March 10, 2015 – Hearing Scheduled in the House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

SB 195 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires all tax credit programs created on or after August 28, 2015 to comply with

the Tax Credit Accountability Act of 2004 (Watch) – January 29, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee

SB 259 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – March 4, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

SB 302 – Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

Testimony in Support of SB 302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb302.html>

SB 306 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support) – February 12, 2015 – Second Read and Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 342 – Sponsor: Dan Brown - Establishes the Perinatal Advisory Council and sets forth its duties (Watch) – February 26, 2015 – Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 422 – Sponsor: Rob Schaaf - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support) – February 26, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee. Testimony in Support of SB 422: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/sb422.html>

SB 466 – Sponsor: Eric Schmitt - Requires disclosure of life-sustaining treatment policies of health care facilities and prohibits denial of life-sustaining treatment or anatomical gifts under specified circumstances (Under Review) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 494 – Sponsor: Paul LeVota (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies a reference to federal statute as it pertains to funding for federally qualified health centers (Under Review) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 496 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman – Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information Education Program (Watch) – March 5, 2015 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SCR 27 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Insists that the Missouri Congressional delegation endeavor and resolve to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

SJR 10 – Sponsor: David Sater - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – February 12, 2015 – Second Read and Referred to Senate Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee

Senate Bills Opposed by MRL:

SB 61 – Sponsor: Maria Chappelle-Nadal (Pro-Abortion) - Allows school districts and charter schools to establish and implement an age-appropriate curriculum to educate students about domestic violence and teen dating violence prevention (Oppose) – January 22, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Education Committee

SCR 16 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Right Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) – February 10, 2015 - Second Read and Referred Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

In the Missouri State House:

HB 5 (5.165)– Sponsor: Tom Flanigan - Includes Appropriations for Alternatives-to-Abortion Agencies in the Administrative Budget Bill (MRL Supports the Funding for Alternatives-to-Abortion). March 5, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee With Time Limit February 12, 2015 – Alternative-to-Abortion Funds Restored in HB 5. House [Appropriations - General Administration](#) Committee voted to put \$1,500,000 into the budget for Alternatives-to-Abortion Agencies. Voted Do Pass with Amendments in the House Appropriations – General Administration Committee. HB 5 still has to go through the complete legislative process.

Governor's Budget Proposal did not have funding for Alternatives-to-Abortion Agencies.

HB 7 (7.030) – Sponsor: Tom Flanigan – Includes Pro-Life Protective Language of 196.1127 to prevent Department of Economic Development Budget Monies from funding abortion services, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research (MRL Supports the Pro-Life Language) – March 5, 2015 – Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee With Time Limit

HB 32 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Modifies the "Big Government Get Off My Back Act" (Watch) – February 26, 2015 – Reported to the Senate and First Read

HB 81 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 81: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb81.html>

HB 97 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the vote required to pass a statewide ballot measure from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch) – January 20, 2015 – Referred to House Elections Committee

HB 99 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion and places in statute protections for alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) - January 27, 2015 - Public Hearing Continued in House Children and Families Committee

Testimony in Support of HB99: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb99.html>

HB 113 – Sponsor: Bill E. Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law", which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (Support) – January 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Held in [House Health and Mental Health Policy](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 113: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb113.html>

HB 118 – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Establishes a statutory cause of action replacing the common law action for damages against a health care provider for personal injury arising out of the rendering of or failure to render health services (Watch) – March 5, 2015 –Third Read and Passed

HB 124 – Sponsor: Linda Black - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a video that contains all of the information that must be provided to a woman considering an abortion (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Reported Do Pass in House Children and Families Committee and Referred to the House Select Committee on Social Services

Testimony in Support of HB124: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb124.html>

HB 131 – Sponsor: Rick Brattin - Requires the written consent of the father of the child before an abortion can be performed, with certain exceptions (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 151 – Sponsor: Jeff Messenger - Prohibits any public funds or governmental economic incentives to be authorized for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 153 – Sponsor: Kim Gardner (Pro-abortion) -Changes the laws regarding eligibility for MO Health Net benefits (Watch) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 182 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Changes the laws regarding custody and visitation rights of a father who attempted to coerce the mother of his child to obtain an abortion (Support) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 190 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care, Abortion Clinic Inspections (Support) – March 5, Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

Testimony in Support of HB190: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb190.html>

Press Release – February 25, 2015: <http://missourilife.org/news/2015/2015-02-25.html>

House Third Read and Pass Roll Call Vote on HB 190: www.missourilife.org/assets/028.003.pdf

HB 427 – Sponsor: Kathy Swan - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care and Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services (Support) – February 3, 2015 – Public Hearing Continued in [House Children and Families](#) Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 427: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2015/hb427.html>

HB 432 – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform

or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles (Support) – January 12, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 439 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2015 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 601 – Sponsor: Keith Frederick - Modifies Missouri' Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration and prescribing duties of the Attorney General (Support) – January 22, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 610 – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Prohibits any person or entity from entering into a Title X of the Public Health Service Act contract with any abortion facility or entity which encourages a woman to have an abortion (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 611 – Sponsor: Nathan Beard - Requires any organization, institution, or facility which performs abortions to make an annual accounting of all funds received under Title X of the federal Public Health Services Act (Support) – February 4, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 627 – Sponsor: Nick King - Authorizes the Manufacturing Infrastructure Investment Act – (Watch) - February 10, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

HB 735 – Sponsor: Marsha Haefner - Establishes the "Perinatal Advisory Council" and requires the council to establish standards for all neonatal and maternal levels of birthing hospital care (Watch) – January 29, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 774 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht – Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to have an abortion (Support) – February 5, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 808 – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (Watch) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 814 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion (Support) – February 10, 2015 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 843 – Sponsor: Andrew McDaniel - Establishes the Patient Monitoring Act which allows patients in long-term care facilities or their surrogates to install a monitoring device in the resident's room which broadcasts or records activity (Under Review) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 892 – Sponsor: Lindell Shumake – Missouri Works Program – Currently has Pro-Life Protective Language (Watch) – March 10, 2015 – Public Hearing Schedule in the House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

HB 919 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Changes the laws regarding alternatives-to-abortion agencies (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

HB 920 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection Act from Dismemberment Abortion (Support) – February 24, 2015 – Referred to the House Children and Families Committee

HB 963 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the "2015 Safe Patient Handling and Movement Act" (Under Review) – February 16, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1033 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Removes the statutory restriction on the interpretation and construction of state law regarding unborn children which makes it subject to the federal and state constitutions and contrary court decisions (Support) – February 25, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 1133 – Sponsor: Joe Don McGaugh - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" (Under Review) – March 5, 2015 – Introduced and First Read

HJR 4 – Sponsor: Elijah Haahr - Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the vote required to pass a constitutional amendment from a majority vote to sixty percent of the votes cast (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

HJR 13 – Sponsor: Scott Fitzpatrick - Proposes a constitutional amendment that increases the percentage of legal

voters required to propose an initiative petition amending the Constitution from 8% to 15% (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

HJR 25 – Sponsor: Mike Cierpiot - Proposes a constitutional amendment modifying the percentage requirements for initiative petitions (Watch) – February 25, 2015 – Public Hearing Completed in [House Emerging Issues](#) Committee

House Bills Opposed by MRL:

HB 350 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Requires a pharmacy to fill abortifacients (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 351 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Attacks the good work of Pregnancy Resource Centers (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 352 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires Abortifacients be Available without Full Disclosure of What Abortifacient Drugs Do (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 353 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) - Changes the laws regarding sex education in schools to allow those who profit from abortion to speak in schools to our minor children and establishes a law for abortifacients to be given without full disclosure of what the abortion drugs do and establishes or changes other laws to support abortion (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 354 – Sponsor: Stacey Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Requires all employers to pay for abortion drugs and devices in their health insurance policies (Oppose) – January 8, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 501 – Sponsor: Genise Monticello (Pro-Abortion) – Repeals Sex Education Statute (Under Review) – March 9, 2015 – Public Hearing Scheduled in House Emerging Issues in Education Committee

HB 670 – Sponsor: Clem Smith (Pro-Abortion) – Adds peer review articles instead of just medically accurate information when teaching students in school regarding contraceptives. This bill also removes large sections of sex education regarding pregnancy and information presented to students. (Oppose) – January 27, 2015 - Read Second Time

HB 785 – Sponsor: Bill White - Establishes the Adult Health Care Consent Act (Oppose) – February 11, 2015 – Referred House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 809 – Sponsor: Margo McNeil (Pro-Abortion) - Authorizes eligibility for an alternative package of benefits for certain individuals under the MO HealthNet program (Under Review) – February 4, 2015 – Read Second Time

HB 815 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden -Authorizes a tax deduction for capital gains from investments in qualified businesses provided the deductions are reinvested into another qualified business (Oppose) – March 10, 2015 – Executive Session to be Held in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

HCR 33 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Seeks Equal Right Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (Oppose) - February 16, 2015 – Read Second Time