

Missouri Right to Life

Press Release

**For Immediate Release:
April 22, 2010**

**For Information:
573-635-5110
314-966-3889**

Missouri Senate and House Advance Two Separate Pro-Life Bills

The following statement can be attributed to Pam Fichter, President, Missouri Right to Life:

Today, April 22nd, the Missouri Senate passed SS SCS SB 793. This bill ensures that a woman is given the opportunity to view an ultrasound of her unborn child and receives information about her child's development 24 hours before an abortion is performed. She also must be informed of the possible pain to her unborn child from the abortion, the father's liability for child support and alternatives to abortion. This legislation will save lives and protect women from making a decision that they may regret later.

The bill also contains language that allows Missouri to "opt out" of abortion coverage in federal health insurance exchanges. This language is critical in protecting lives and the rights of pro-life Missouri taxpayers.

Also, the Missouri House passed HB 2252. This bill extends the tax credit program for pregnancy resource centers (PRC's). These tax credits help the PRC's in their fundraising efforts to gain resources in order to offer alternative services to a woman in a crisis pregnancy. These PRC's offer help to women and encourage them to choose life for their unborn child.

Both bills have advanced to the opposite chambers for further action. We thank the legislators in both chambers who are working hard to pass legislation that protects women and their unborn children. We look forward to a time when all abortions will be unthinkable.