

AMENDMENTS FOR HB 1541 & SB 657
From Missouri Right to Life

1. Amend 191.1168, in the first sentence, following “after section 1.140” by inserting “, except for sections 191.1159 and 191.1162, which are inseverable from those sections”.

2. Amend 191.1168, in the first sentence, following “191.1168” by inserting “, except sections 191.1159 and 191.1162,”.

The effect of these amendments would be to prevent the selective striking, in a constitutional challenge, of the provisions protecting the abortion regulations and the requirement for life-preserving treatment. As it stands, if, for example, some sort of equal protection challenge resulted in declaring unconstitutional exempting the conscience of abortionists who object to giving information about unborn development in comparison to protecting the conscience of those whose conscience forbids their participation in abortion, the severability section could result in striking 191.1162, while leaving intact the provisions that allow assertion of any conscience right relating to abortion -- which would effectively repeal Missouri's abortion informed consent laws.