

# Missouri Right to Life Press Release

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## **MISSOURI HOUSE SENDS PRO-LIFE BILL TO GOVERNOR; LEGISLATION EXPANDS WOMEN'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND PREVENTS TAXPAYER-FUNDED ABORTION**

The following statement can be attributed to MRL President, Pam Fichter:

Missouri Right to Life applauds the Missouri House for passage of SB 793. This legislation 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 will receive information on alternatives to abortion, and the father's responsibility under state law. This legislation will save lives and allow a woman to be more fully informed before making a life or death decision for her child.

In addition, this bill bans taxpayer-funding of elective abortion coverage in federal health insurance exchanges. This language is critical in protecting lives and the rights of pro-life Missouri taxpayers.

We want to thank Senator Rob Mayer and Representatives Bryan Pratt and Cynthia Davis for their work over the last several years on this important pro-life legislation. We also want to thank all the Senators and House members that supported this legislation with their vote.

The bi-partisan vote in the Missouri House now advances this lifesaving legislation to Governor Jay Nixon. We ask for his swift action in signing SB 793 into law.