

Legislative Update – February 14, 2020

Happy Valentine's Day

Help us "Love and Protect" All Innocent Human Lives

Join us in the following 3 Actions:

- Call your U.S. Senators – Ask them to Oppose the ERA
- Come to Show-Me Life Action Day - Tuesday, March 10 in Jefferson City
- Speak out in Opposition to Medicaid Expansion in Missouri

REGARDING PRO-ABORTION LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON DC:

On Thursday morning, the U.S. House of Representatives, led by pro-abortion Speaker Nancy Pelosi, passed the pro-abortion ERA. The ERA would force public funding of abortion and possibly overturn every pro-life law across the United States. Missouri Right to Life and National Right to Life oppose any attempt to pass the so-called ERA or any attempt to extend the date to ratify. The date has expired and the Equal Rights Amendment is dead.

Read more here: <https://www.nrlc.org/federal/era/012720scorecard/>

<http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/fedleg/012720erascorecard.pdf>

Thank you to our pro-life U.S. House members who voted against the ERA!

See the vote here – The Pro-Life Vote is "NO": <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2020/roll070.xml>

Missouri's Congressional Delegation Votes:

Pro-Life Votes: Graves, Hartzler, Long, Luetkemeyer, Smith, and Wagner

Anti-Life Votes: Clay and Cleaver

House Democrats, led by Speaker Pelosi, once again show their disregard for the Constitution. This time, by attempting to extend the deadline for the ratification of the ERA, which expired decades ago.

COMMENT FROM JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020 :

Well, I would like to see a new beginning. I'd like it to start over. There's too much controversy about latecomers — Virginia, long after the deadline passed. Plus, a number of states have withdrawn their ratification. So, if you count a latecomer on the plus side, how can you disregard states that said, "we've changed our minds?"

ACTION ALERT – CALLS NEEDED

Ask our two U.S. Senators to oppose any attempt to advance the ERA and to stop the erroneous attempt to extend the date to ratify the ERA. Let them know that pro-life Missourians, Missouri Right to Life and National Right to Life oppose the ERA because it will force public funding of abortion.

Missouri's U.S. Senators:

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SHOW-ME LIFE PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY
We need you in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 10

The most important life event you can plan for in 2020 is to attend Pro-Life Action Day on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Missouri State Capitol.

Former Missouri Governor and U.S. Attorney General, the Honorable John Ashcroft will be our keynote speaker. We will talk about past and future pro-life efforts to save innocent lives.

Please print off the "Show Me Life" Action Day flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://www.missourilife.org/assets/lobby_day_flyer2020.pdf

Your attendance at lobby day is essential to the passage of solid pro-life legislation and defunding Planned Parenthood!

See you in Jefferson City on March 10 at the "Show Me Life Action Day"!

NOTE REGARDING MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
OPPOSITION TO MEDICAID EXPANSION:

A proposal to place a Medicaid expansion program into the Missouri Constitution is contained in Initiative no. 2020-063 (as numbered by the Secretary of State). Proponents are seeking signatures from voters to put it on the ballot in the fall. The proposal ignores the growing danger that the Hyde Amendment will be terminated in the near future, leaving unborn children completely exposed to governmental funding of abortions if their mothers are covered by Medicaid. The proposal also means greatly expanding current Medicaid funding of abortions of newly-formed human beings by means of prescriptions of the so-called "morning after" pills.

For pro-life reasons, pro-lifers find Initiative 2020-063 unacceptable. Abortions are not health care, and Missouri should not expand a program that will pay for more of them.

Read more here: http://www.missourilifepac.org/2020/mrl_concerns_with_medicaid_expansion2020.pdf

Remember, the pro-abortion supporters of Medicaid Expansion are asking you to put Medicaid Expansion into the Missouri Constitution "without" the pro-life protections of the annual "Hyde Amendment". They are counting on a future when those who support abortion are in control and will then refuse to pass the "Hyde Amendment". They should have put the pro-life protections of the "Hyde Amendment" in the constitutional amendment as well, but they did not.

Opportunities to get Involved and Stay Updated.
Your voice counts for the voiceless!

Our Pro-life Communication Network:

- <https://www.votervoicenet/MOLIFE/home> and enter your email address and zip code for email alerts.
- To receive text messages, please text MOLIFE to 50457.

Our Lifeline Pro-Life News Network for weekly updates:

- <http://www.missourilife.org/signup.html>

Bills to Watch in Missouri:

NOTE: In the following lists, Missouri Right to Life's position could change at any time depending on amendments that can happen at any point in the legislative process.

At this time, there have been 487 bills and 55 various resolutions filed in the Missouri Senate.

And, there have been 1,201 bills, 18 appropriation bills and 104 various resolutions filed in the Missouri House.

Your Missouri Right to Life Legislative Team continues our work with legislators on pro-life bills. We are reviewing all bills filed and continue to report in our lifeline on bills that have either a positive or negative impact on our ability to protect innocent human lives.

In the Missouri State Senate:

SCS SB 574 - Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Committee Sub focuses on provisions relating to taxation of Higher Education Endowments that provide abortion physician training where there is a connection to abortion facility and a University. SCS SB 574 imposes a tax on these endowments **(Support)**
January 13, 2020 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Ways and Means Committee

SB 650 – Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Establishes the Mission of the Department of Health and Senior Services to protect born and unborn lives **(Support)**
February 5, 2020 – Hearing Postponed in Senate Health and Pensions Committee.

SB 651- Sponsor: Bill Eigel – Modifies provisions relating to the sale of fetal tissue and establishes Missouri as a “sanctuary for life” state **(Support)**
January 22, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 665 – Sponsor: Eric Burlison – Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" **(Support)**
February 12, 2020 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 917- Sponsor: Bob Onder – Prohibits expenditures of public funds for certain purposes relating to abortion, human cloning, and prohibited human research **(Support)**
January 22, 2020 – Senate First Read

SB 956 – Sponsor: Bob Onder - Expands Informed Consent to include requirement of an ultrasound and auscultation of fetal heartbeat prior to an abortion **(Support)**
January 30, 2020 – Senate First Read

Under Review/Watch:

SB 564 - Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021 **(Under Review)**
January 9, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 624 - Sponsor: Doug Libla –Creates new provisions allowing for the creation of benefit corporations **(Under Review)**

January 16, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Small Business and Industry Committee

SB 630 – Sponsor: Scott Sifton (Pro-Abortion) – Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021 **(Under Review)**

January 16, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

SB 722- Sponsor: Lincoln Hough – Repeals provisions authorizing regional economic development districts **(Under Review)**

February 18, 2020 – Hearing Scheduled in Senate Economic Development Committee

SB 788- Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Establishes the “Postpartum Depression Care Act” **(Watch)**

February 13, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

Oppose:

SB 737- Sponsor: Scott Sifton (Pro-Abortion) – Requires the Governor to appoint Administrative Hearing Commissioners that reflect the geographic diversity of the state **(Under Review)**

February 13, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

SB 790- Sponsor: Jill Schupp (Pro-Abortion) – Legislation to Force Pregnancy Resource Centers to Refer for Abortion **(Oppose)**

February 13, 2020 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee

In the Missouri State House:

HB 1303- Sponsor: Chris Dinkins - Establishes the "Prioritization of Public Funding for Family Planning Act" **(Support)**

January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1437 - Sponsor: Jim Murphy – Adds provisions relating to the abandonment of newborn children **(Support)**

February 13, 2020 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

HB 1502- Sponsor: Doug Beck - Requires a biological father to provide financial support to his unborn child **(Support)**

January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1522 – Sponsor: Jeff Shawan – Adds provisions relating to taxation of Higher Education Endowments that provide abortion physician training where there is a connection to abortion facility and a University. HB 1522 imposes a tax on these endowments **(Support)**

January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1523 - Sponsor: Jeff Shawan - Establishes Missouri as a "Sanctuary for Life" state **(Support)**

January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1524 - Sponsor: Jeff Shawan – Requires the burial, entombment, or cremation of fetal remains **(Support)**

January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1539 – Sponsor: Doug Richey – Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" **(Support)**
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1609 – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman - Adds provisions relating to insurance coverage for pregnant persons **(Support)**
January 30, 2020 – Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

HB 1799 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Establishes the “Right to Due Process Act” **(Support – Language Under Review)**
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1956- Sponsor: Hardy Billington – Expands Informed Consent to include requirement of an ultrasound and auscultation of fetal heartbeat prior to an abortion **(Support)**
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2237- Sponsor: Chris Dinkins - Prohibits the performance of dismemberment abortions **(Support)**
January 22, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2285 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Abolishes abortion in the state **(Language Under Review)**
January 29, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2383- Sponsor: Jeff Shawan – Prohibits expenditures of public funds for certain purposes relating to abortion, human cloning, and prohibited human research **(Support)**
February 5, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2402- Sponsor: Hannah Kelly - Establishes the "Safeguarding All Children's Remains to Ensure Dignity Act" **(Support)**
February 10, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2448- Sponsor: Tom Hurst – Adds new provision to prohibit a person from transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without the consent required by state law **(Support)**
February 13, 2020 – House Second Read

HJR 110- Sponsor: Mike Moon - Modifies the constitutional definition of person **(Withdrawn)**
February 4, 2020 – Withdrawn

Under Review/Watch:

HB 1266 - Sponsor: Gretchen Bangert (Pro-Abortion) – Requires the Governor to maintain and regularly update a list of each state board, commission, committee, or council that contains members appointed by the Governor **(Watch)**
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1410 - Sponsor: Shiela Solon – Modifies provisions relating to contraceptives **(Watch)**
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1448 - Sponsor: Rocky Miller – Establishes new provisions allowing for the creation of benefit corporations **(Withdrawn)**
January 13, 2020 – Withdrawn

HB 1581 – Sponsor: Keri Ingle (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to parental consent for vaccinations (**Language Under Review**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1668 – Sponsor: Martha Stevens (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services (**Watch**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1670- Sponsor: Sarah Unsicker (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet eligibility (**Watch**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1672 – Sponsor: Sarah Unsicker (Pro-Abortion) - Changes provisions relating to the show-me healthy babies program (**Language Under Review**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1673 – Sponsor: Sarah Unsicker (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet eligibility (**Watch**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1678 – Sponsor: Deb Lavender (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services (**Watch**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1936- Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Establishes new provisions allowing for the creation of benefit corporations (**Under Review**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2297- Sponsor: Jon Carpenter (Pro-Abortion) – Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021 (**Under Review**)
January 29, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2438- Sponsor: Sarah Unsicker (Pro-Abortion) - Modifies provisions relating to the pregnancy-associated mortality review board (**Language Under Review**)
February 12, 2020 – House Second Read

Oppose:

HB 1574 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Requirement that we ALL “Respect Women's Right to Kill a Baby through Abortion” (**Oppose**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 1950- Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Legislation to Force Pregnancy Resource Centers to Refer for Abortion (**Oppose**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HB 2397- Sponsor: Ian Mackey (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act" (**Oppose**)
February 5, 2020 – House Second Read

HCR 64- Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Attempt to establish the so-called “Equal Right’s Amendment” (ERA) to overturn all pro-life laws and publicly fund abortion (**Oppose**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read

HCR 65- Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) – Law to require all Missourians to recognize and accept abortion as a part of women’s “healthcare” (**Oppose**)
January 9, 2020 – House Second Read