

Missouri Right to Life

Press Release

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Victory for Babies and Protection for Women! HB 400 Will Become Law!

The following statement can be attributed to Pam Fichter, President of Missouri Right to Life.
Missouri Right to Life applauds Governor Jay Nixon for not vetoing HB 400!

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Missouri Senate and House took up and passed a ban on web-cam abortions.

As he did on the 2010 & 2011 pro-life legislation, the Governor has allowed this important legislation to become law. Per the Missouri Constitution, Governor Nixon's decision to neither veto nor sign HB 400 is a decision to allow this bill to go into effect on August 28, 2013.

Because of Governor Nixon's decision, Missouri law now prevents an abortionist from giving the initial dose of any abortion-causing drug during an internet conference call and requires his physical presence in the same room with the woman who begins the abortion regimen to kill her unborn child. This legislation ensures that the abortion industry, which is seeking to profit from killing unborn children by providing sub-standard care to women, will not be doing web-cam abortions in Missouri. This legislation will protect women and save the lives of unborn children.

We also thank the House and Senate sponsors of this legislation, Representative Jeanie Riddle and Senator Wayne Wallingford and all the members from both parties who supported HB 400 with a veto-proof majority of 115 to 39 in the House and 23 to 7 in the Senate.

While we are pleased to see the steps taken in HB 400, we still have much to do to restore the inalienable right to life recognized by our founders. Missouri Right to Life will continue our work to find ways to protect innocent human lives and women in crisis pregnancies.