

Legislative Update – March 10, 2023

NOTE: The legislature will be on Spring Break the week of March 13. There will not be a legislative update during this week. Be sure and look for our update again on Friday, March 24th. At that time there will be 7 weeks of session left in 2023. There will be a short Easter Break over the Easter weekend.

Pro-Life Action Day

Thank you to all that came for the annual statewide Pro-Life Action Day! It was a great success and we know pro-life Missourians are committed to “Keeping Missouri Pro-Life”! Follow us on Facebook and share your Pro-Life Action Day photos with us!

At this time there have been 1,381 bills and 109 various resolutions filed in the Missouri House. And, there have been 723 bills and 79 various resolutions filed in the Missouri Senate.

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Pro-life legislation passed in Missouri is making a difference and helping us save lives! Please join our team, support our work and help us “Keep Missouri Pro-Life”!

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Bills to Watch:

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

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 45 & SB 90 – Sponsor: Elaine Gannon - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

March 6, 2023 – House Second Read

March 2, 2023 – Senate Third Read and Passed to the House

February 27, 2023 – Senate Formal Calendar, Senate Bills for Third Reading

February 21, 2023 – Senate Informal Calendar, Senate Bills for Perfection

February 1, 2023 – Bill Combined in Committee with SB 90

SB 62 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Greg Razor – Modifies provisions relating to abortion **(Language Under Review)**

January 12, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

SB 90 (combined with SB 45 on February 1, 2023) – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Tracy McCreery – Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

February 1, 2023 – Bill Combined in Committee with SB 45 – See SB 45 for all further updates

SCS SB 133 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Tax deduction for unborn Children (**Support**)
March 7, Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading
March 2, 2023 – In Fiscal Oversight, on Senate Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Third Reading
February 27, 2023 – Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection
February 6, 2023 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee
SB 160 – Sponsor: Nick Schroer – Modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers (**Support**)
February 22, 2023 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Welfare Committee
January 26, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
SB 183 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Lauren Arthur – Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet eligibility and services which includes multiple issues, including the postpartum care for women (**Language Under Review**)
February 2, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
SB 214 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Doug Beck – Modifies provisions relating to child support for unborn children (**Language Under Review**)
March 7, 2023 – Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection
February 22, 2023 – Hearing Held in Senate Progress and Development Committee
NOTE: This Committee is Chaired by Pro-Abortion Lauren Arthur
Committee Members are: Chair, Pro-Abortion Lauren Arthur, Vice-Chair, Pro-Abortion Brian Williams, Pro-Abortion Angela Mosley, Pro-Life Jill Carter & Pro-Life Mike Moon
(3 pro-abortion Democrats and 2 pro-life Republicans)
SB 228 – Sponsor: Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Modifies provisions relating to do-not-resuscitate orders for children at home under medical care (**Language Reviewed and MRL Neutral – MRL Will Monitor This Bill**)
March 1, 2023 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Welfare Committee, SCS presented (**SCS Under Review**)
February 9, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
SB 267 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Doug Beck – Prohibits Discrimination Based on Pregnancy (**Language Under Review**)
February 9, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate General Laws Committee
SB 356 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Abolition of Abortion (**Language Under Review to See How This Affects our Pro-Life Laws**)
February 23, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
January 4, 2023 – Senate First Read
SB 453 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Establishes civil actions for violations of the pro-life laws of this state and for economic detriment to a person for misapplication or unequal enforcement of the law (**Language Under Review to See How This Affects our Pro-Life Laws**)
March 2, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee
SB 491 – Sponsor: Mike Cierpiot – Modifies provisions relating to abortion, including the importation and distribution of drugs used to perform or induce abortions (**Support**)
January 12, 2023 – Senate First Read
SB 579 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Barbara Washington – Modifies the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board (**Language Under Review**)
February 1, 2023 – Senate First Read

SJR 8 - Sponsor: Bill Egle – Prohibits expenditures of public funds to abortion facilities
(Support)

February 22, 2023 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Welfare Committee

January 12, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

SJR 19 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – Recognizes that nothing in the Missouri Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion **(Support)**

February 22, 2023 – Hearing Held in Senate Health and Welfare Committee

January 19, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

OPPOSE:

SB 108 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Lauren Arthur – Repeals Pro-Life Statutes **(Oppose)**

January 19, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

SB 455 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Steven Roberts – Limits Tax Credits for Adoption **(Language Under Review)**

March 8, 2023 – Hearing Scheduled in Senate Progress and Development Committee

March 2, 2023 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Progress and Development Committee

January 5, 2023 – Senate First Read

Senate Bills by Category Regarding Initiative Petition and/or Constitutional Amendment Reform. NOTE: All Bills in This Category Under Review:

SJR 2 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig – February 13, 2023: Hearing Held in Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

SJR 5 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden – February 13, 2023: Hearing Scheduled but Bill not heard in Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

SJR 10 – Sponsor: Sandy Crawford – February 13, 2023: Hearing Held in Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

SJR 28 – Sponsor: Jill Carter – February 27, 2023: Voted Do Pass in Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

SJR 33 – Sponsor: Mike Moon – January 19, 2023: Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

SB 490 – Sponsor: Nick Schroer – January 12, 2023: Senate First Read

In the Missouri State House:

HB 91 – Sponsor: Jon Patterson - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

February 2, 2023 – House Referred to House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 163 – Sponsor: Brian Seitz - Modifies provisions relating to abortion, including the importation and distribution of drugs used to induce abortions **(Support)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 167 – Sponsor: Brian Seitz - Modifies provisions relating to the rights and protection of unborn children **(Support)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 254 – Sponsor: Brad Pollitt - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

February 28, 2023 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 286 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Patty Lewis - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support – Language Similar to HB’s 254, 354, 965, & 957)**

February 28, 2023 – Action on Bill Postponed in House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 328 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion LaKeySha Bosley - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Language Under Review)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 354 – Sponsor: Bishop Davidson - Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

February 28, 2023 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 457 – Sponsor: Doug Richey – Tax Deduction for an unborn child **(Support)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 594 – Sponsor: Hannah Kelly - Modifies provisions relating to do-not-resuscitate orders for children at home under medical care **(Language Reviewed and MRL Neutral – MRL Will Monitor This Bill)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 714 – Sponsor: Hannah Kelly – Modifies provisions related to the Adoption Tax Credit **(Support)**

February 28, 2023 – Action Postponed on the bill in House Children and Families Committee

HB 818 – Sponsor: Bob Titus – Modifies provisions relating to the protection of unborn children **(Language Under Review to See How This Affects our Pro-Life Laws)**

January 19, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 957 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion LaKeySha Bosley - Modifies provisions relating to health care services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support - Language Same as HB’s 254, 354 & 965)**

February 28, 2023 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 965 – Sponsor: Melanie Stinnett – Modifies provisions relating to health care services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support)**

February 28, 2023 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Emerging Issues Committee

HB 1030 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Ashley Aune – Authorizes a tax credit for a stillbirth **(Language Under Review)**

February 6, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1148 – Sponsor: Mark Matthiesen – Insurance for Midwives and Doulas **(Watch)**

February 15, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1186 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Barbara Phifer - - Modifies provisions relating to health care services for pregnant and postpartum women **(Support - Language Same as HB’s 254, 354 & 965)**

February 21, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1197 – Sponsor: Sean Pouche – Authorizes a tax credit for a stillbirth **(Support)**

February 22, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1218 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Modifies provisions relating to birthing centers **(Language Under Review)**

February 23, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1234 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jamie Johnson – Creates provisions relating to health advocates for pregnant patients **(Language Under Review)**
February 23, 2023 – House Second Read

HJR 39 – Sponsor: Michael Davis – Stop Ranked Choice Voting **(Language Under Review)**
January 9, 2023 – House Second Read

OPPOSE:

HB 161 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Ian Mackey – Abortion Inducing Drugs **(Language Under Review)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 544 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Crystal Quade – Repeal of laws that protect unborn babies and pregnant women **(Oppose)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 617 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jo Doll – Spontaneous Death of a Child in-utero, Changes wording of a pro-life statute **(Language Under Review)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 618 - Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jo Doll – Promotes Death of a Child in-utero, Changes wording of a pro-life statute **(Language Under Review)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 619 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Jo Doll – Promotes Death of a Child in-utero, Changes wording of a pro-life statute **(Language Under Review)**

January 5, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 738 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Eric Woods – Change in Presidential Primary Elections **(Language Under Review)**

January 11, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 739 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Eric Woods – Ranked Choice Voting **(Language Under Review)**

January 11, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 838 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Patty Lewis – Modifies pro-life laws to become relevant to the abortionists definition of “needed” instead of a medical emergency definition **(Oppose)**

January 19, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 950 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Ingrid Burnett – Allows Abortion Providers to teach human sexuality in public schools **(Oppose)**

January 26, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 969 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Patty Lewis – Wants Abortionists to have medical malpractice insurance to keep women from suing abortionists **(Oppose)**

January 30, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1110 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Would force Pregnancy Resource Centers to refer for abortion **(Oppose)**

February 13, 2023 - House Second Read

HB 1111 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Would put in Missouri Statute that everyone should respect the right to take the life of unborn children **(Oppose)**

February 13, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1112 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Emily Weber – Allows abortion on demand at all stages of development and all 9 months of pregnancy **(Oppose)**

February 13, 2023 – House Second Read

HB 1138 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Keri Ingle – Legalizes all abortion drugs (**Oppose**)
February 15, 2023 – House Second Read

HJR 38 – Sponsor: Pro-Abortion Robert Sauls – Changes our constitution (**Language Under Review**)
January 9, 2023 – House Second Read

House Bills by Category Regarding Initiative Petition and/or Constitutional Amendment Reform. NOTE: All Bills in This Category Under Review:

HJR 2 – Sponsor: Hardy Billington – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HJR 6 – Sponsor: Ann Kelley – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HJR 18 – Sponsor: Ed Lewis – February 2, 2023: Executive Session Held in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials – Voted Do Pass

HJR 19 – Sponsor: John Black – March 7, 2023: HCS HJR 19 Voted Do Pass in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HJR 24 – Sponsor: Bishop Davidson – January 26, 2023: Executive Session Held in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials – HJR 24 Voted Do Pass

HJR 25 – Sponsor: Bishop Davidson – January 26, 2023: Executive Session Held in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials – HJR 25 Voted Do Pass

HJR 26 – Sponsor: Ed Lewis – December 7, 2022: Withdrawn

HJR 28 – Sponsor: Bill Falkner – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HJR 29 – Sponsor: Bill Falkner – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HJR 30 – Sponsor: Ed Lewis – January 26, 2023: Executive Session Held in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials – HCS HJR 30 Voted Do Pass

January 30, 2023 – Hearing Held in House Rules Committee – Voted Do Pass 5 yes, 3 no

HJR 32 – Sponsor: Adam Schnelting – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HB 703 – Sponsor: Mike Haffner – March 2, 2023: Voted Do Pass in House Rules Committee on Administrative Oversight

HB 704 – Sponsor: Bishop Davidson

February 21, 2023: Withdrawn

January 10, 2023: House Second Read

HJR 40 – Sponsor: Mike Haffner – January 17, 2023: House Referred to Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

HCS HJR 43 – Sponsor: Mike Henderson

February 28, 2023 – Referred to Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee

February 13, 2023 – Senate Hearing Held in Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

February 2, 2023 – House Third Read and Passed, Sent to Senate and Senate First Read

January 26, 2023: Executive Session Held in House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials – HCS HJR 43 Voted Do Pass

NOTE ON HCS HJR 43:

As of March 2, 2023, HCS HJR 43 will not protect our Missouri Constitution and leaves Missouri wide-open for pro-abortion forces to deceive the public and put a right to abortion in our Constitution.

HCS HJR 43 needs to be amended in the Senate with stronger language supported by Missouri Right to Life in order to protect our pro-life laws and our Missouri Constitution from pro-abortion attacks.

HB 834 – Sponsor: Jim Murphy – January 19, 2023: House Second Read