

Protect Human Life

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB 760](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Walker, Cora Faith (

Description: Establishes the Survivors' Bill of Rights for victims of sexual offenses, mandates the giving of potential abortifacients.

Position Statement: Oppose: "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae, par. 74) 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-04-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 800](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Mackey, Ian (D)

Description: Establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

Position Statement: Oppose: "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae, par. 74) 02/19/19

Last Action: 2-5-19 H Read second time

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB 10](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Smith, Cody (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.720 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 10.720, which ensures state tax dollars are not used to fund abortion services. Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 H Meeting set for 12:00 PM, HR 3, House-Budget

Abortion Insurance Mandate

Original Bill: [HB 755](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Kelley, Ann (R)

Description: Adds new provisions relating to contraceptive coverage.

Position Statement: Oppose: No one should be forced to pay for abortion drugs through their insurance premiums. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-04-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 346](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Schupp, Jill (D)

Description: Requires health benefit plans providing coverage for prescription contraceptives to cover a 13-month supply of the contraceptives.

Position Statement: Oppose: No one should be forced to pay for abortion drugs through their insurance premiums. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-21-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Insurance and Banking

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB 536](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Morgan, Judy (D)

Description: Establishes the "Respect Women's Abortion Decisions Act".

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation cloaks the real effect of this legislation, which is to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law, by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/25/19

Last Action: 01-14-19 H Read second time

Abortion Prohibition/Down Syndrome

Original Bill: [HB 771](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Dogan, Shamed (R)

Description: Prohibits certain selective abortions relating to sex, race, or Down Syndrome.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation continues the ongoing effort to create an abortion-free society. Children with Down Syndrome are gifts from God that should be cherished, not destroyed. "Sometimes it is feared that the child to be born would live in such conditions that it would be better if the birth did not take place. Nevertheless, these reasons and others like them, however serious and tragic, can never justify the deliberate killing of an innocent human being." (Evangelium Vitae, par. 58) 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-04-19 H Read second time

Abortion Reflection Period/Repeal

Original Bill: [SB 170](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Schupp, Jill (D)

Description: Repeals the 72-hour waiting period prior to an abortion.

Position Statement: Oppose: Repealing the 72-hour reflection period before an abortion will promote hasty abortion decisions that victimize both mother and unborn child. 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Health and Pensions

Abortion Trigger Ban

Original Bill: [SB 345](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Koenig, Andrew (R)

Description: Legislation would ban all abortions in Missouri, except those for a medical emergency, at such time as the United States Supreme Court overrules Roe v. Wade, or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants Missouri the authority to regulate abortion.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. A trigger ban would make a strong statement in support of life and opposition to legalized abortion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-06-19 S Hearing conducted

Abortion/Murder Conviction for Women

Original Bill: [HB 789](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Pogue, Jeffrey (R)

Description: Changes the laws regarding abortion.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation would allow for first degree murder convictions of women procuring abortions, thereby potentially exposing them to the death penalty. The Church opposes both abortion and the death penalty. This legislation would only perpetuate a cycle of violence and retribution when what is called for is an intervention of mercy that will break this cycle and lead to redeemed lives and new hope. Civil authorities would do well to follow the example of the Catholic Church in promoting programs such as "Project Rachel" that help post-abortive women make a new start in life. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-04-19 H Read second time

Abortion/Parental Notification

Original Bill: [HB 127](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Miller, Rocky (R)

Description: Changes the laws regarding the parental notification required for a minor to obtain an abortion.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation upholds the integrity of the family by ensuring that both parents are notified when one of their children is seeking an abortion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-14-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB 106](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Hoskins, Denny (R)

Description: Changes the law regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation upholds the integrity of the family by ensuring that both parents are notified when one of their children is seeking an abortion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-13-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: [HB 11](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Smith, Cody (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.115 provides \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.115 that provides funds for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. "Thanks to the work of such centres, many unmarried mothers and couples discover new hope and find assistance and support in overcoming hardship and the fear of accepting a newly conceived life or life which has just come into the world." (Evangelium Vitae, par. 88) 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 H Meeting set for 12:00 PM, HR 3, House-Budget

Automatic Weapons Ban

Original Bill: [HB 162](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Brown-27, Richard (R)

Description: Creates the offense of knowingly possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a bump stock or trigger crank.

Position Statement: Support: While the Church supports an individual's right to self defense, there is no need for individuals to possess bump stocks, which convert semi-automatic weapons to weapons of war. 02/19/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Cryopreservation of Human Embryos

Original Bill: [HB 245](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Neely, James (R)

Description: Requires insurance companies to cover fertility preservation procedures for insureds who are at least 18 years old and are diagnosed with cancer but have not started cancer treatment.

Position Statement: Amend per position: Cryopreservation of human embryos is unjust and incompatible with the respect owed to human embryos. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (Evangelium Vitae, par. 74) This bill contains inadequate exemptions for those operating their business in accord with their faith. 02/19/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB 1208](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Hurst, Tom (R)

Description: Repeals the death penalty.

Position Statement: Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2267) 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-01-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [HB 64](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Unsicker, Sarah (D)

Description: Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death before August 28, 2019, must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

Position Statement: Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2267) 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-10-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 32](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Wieland, Paul (R)

Description: Repeals the death penalty.

Position Statement: Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2267) 01/25/19

Last Action: 01-17-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-General Laws

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB 811](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Dogan, Shamed (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

Position Statement: Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-07-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Special Committee on Criminal Justice

Original Bill: [SB 288](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Wieland, Paul (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to jury instructions for the offense of murder in the first degree.

Position Statement: Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-07-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary/Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

Death Penalty/Mental Illness Exemption

Original Bill: [HB 353](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Hannegan, Tom (R)

Description: Provides that a person cannot be sentenced to death if he or she raises the issue that he or she suffered from a serious mental illness at the time of the commission of the offense.

Position Statement: Support: Support this proposal to exempt the seriously mentally ill from capital punishment. The MCC supports repeal of the death penalty, but also supports incremental steps to scale back the death penalty, such as proposed in this legislation. 01/25/19

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

Original Bill: [SB 462](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Arthur, Lauren (D)

Description: Provides a procedure by which a defendant may be found to be not eligible for the death penalty due to serious mental illness.

Position Statement: Support: Support this proposal to exempt the seriously mentally ill from capital punishment. The MCC supports repeal of the death penalty, but also supports incremental steps to scale back the death penalty, such as proposed in this legislation. 04/27/18

Last Action: 02-27-19 S Introduced and read first time

Fertility Treatment Mandate

Original Bill: [HB 855](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Walker, Cora Faith (

Description: Adds provisions relating to insurance coverage for fertility treatments.

Position Statement: Oppose: Artificial reproductive techniques like artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalize the act of creating a child, and require the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (Dignitas Personae, par. 18) 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-11-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 92](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Nasheed, Jamilah (

Description: Requires health insurers to cover fertility treatments under certain circumstances.

Position Statement: Oppose: Artificial reproductive techniques like artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalize the act of creating a child, and require the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (Dignitas Personae, par. 18) 02/19/19

Last Action: 01-23-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Insurance and Banking

Heartbeat

Original Bill: [HB 126](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Schroer, Nick (R)

Description: Requires the use of a fetal heartbeat detection test prior to an abortion and prohibits an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Reported to the Senate and first read

Original Bill: [HB 870](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Gregory, David (R)

Description: Prohibits abortions when there is a detectable fetal heartbeat, except under certain circumstances.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-13-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB 964](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Coleman-97, Mary E

Description: Requires the use of a fetal heartbeat detection test prior to an abortion and prohibits an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-19-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 139](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Koenig, Andrew (R)

Description: Modifies provisions of law relating to abortion.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

Last Action: 03-06-19 S Hearing conducted

Informed Consent/Abortion

Original Bill: [HB 282](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Anderson, Sonya (R)

Description: Requires referrals for out-of-state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials.

Position Statement: Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 01/15/10

Last Action: 03-05-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB 420](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Riddle, Jeanie (R)

Description: Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials.

Position Statement: Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 01/15/10

Last Action: 03-07-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Health and Pensions

Medical Risk Factor Evaluation

Original Bill: [HB 540](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Hannegan, Tom (R)

Description: Requires abortion risk factor evaluation and the reporting of risk factors.

Position Statement: Support: Requiring the compilation of data concerning the reasons women seek abortion and the risk factors associated with those abortions can help us better understand why women chose to obtain abortions and possibly lead to a reduction in the number of abortions sought. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-19-19 H Public hearing completed

Narcotics Control Act

Original Bill: [HB 188](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rehder, Holly (R)

Description: Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2291) 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-07-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

Original Bill: [HB 707](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Walker, Cora Faith (

Description: Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2291) 01/25/19

Last Action: 01-29-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 155](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Luetkemeyer, Tony (

Description: Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

Position Statement: Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2291) 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-11-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

Original Bill: [HB 339](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Schnelting, Adam (R

Description: Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act".

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-19-19 H Amended on to HB 680

Original Bill: [HB 680](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 680 & 339 **Sponsor:** Coleman-97, Mary E

Description: Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act".

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-21-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [HB 850](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Swan, Kathy (R)

Description: Establishes the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 02-11-19 H Read second time

Original Bill: [SB 279](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Onder, Bob (R)

Description: Establishes the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

Last Action: 03-06-19 S Hearing conducted

Planned Parenthood/Defunding

Original Bill: [HB 861](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Dinkins, Chris (R)

Description: Adds provisions relating to public funding for family planning.

Position Statement: Support: Missouri taxpayers should not have to support an organization that destroys unborn babies. 02/19/19

Last Action: 02-11-19 H Read second time

Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech

Original Bill: [SB 216](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Schupp, Jill (D)

Description: Requires organizations that provide pregnancy-related services to provide medically accurate information regarding reproductive health options in order to receive state funding.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation would force pregnancy resource centers to provide information about abortion options. This is contrary to the core mission of pregnancy resource centers and represents a violation of free speech. 01/25/19

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Health and Pensions
