

Protect Human Life

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB2397](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

Position Statement: Support: "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) 02/19/20

Last Action: 02/05/2020 H - Read Second Time

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB2010](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2010 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.725 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 10.725, 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. 03/26/20

Last Action: 03/16/2020 H - Reported Do Pass Committee as substituted - Six hours total debate on perfection

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB1574](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Judy Morgan (

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." 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HCR65](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Judy Morgan (

Description: Resolves that abortion shall be recognized as an essential component of women's health care.

Position Statement: Oppose: This troubling resolution seeks to proclaim as a common good the false and misleading notion that abortion is healthcare and that it should be publicly funded and integrated into the health safety net. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Abortion/Cloning Funding Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB2383](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Shawan (R)

Description: Prohibits expenditures of public funds for certain purposes relating to abortion, human cloning, and prohibited human research.

Position Statement: Support: Support as part of an effort to create a culture of life and compassion. State tax dollars should not be used to support abortion, human cloning, or other medical research that results in the destruction of nascent human life. 02/19/20

Last Action: 02/05/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB917](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bob Onder (R)

Description: Prohibits expenditures of public funds for certain purposes relating to abortion, human cloning, and prohibited human research.

Position Statement: Support: Support as part of an effort to create a culture of life and compassion. State tax dollars should not be used to support abortion, human cloning, or other medical research that results in the destruction of nascent human life. 02/19/20

Last Action: 03/11/2020 S - Voted do pass as substitute from committee

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.155 provides \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.155 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) 03/26/20

Last Action: 03/16/2020 H - Reported Do Pass Committee as substituted - Six hours total debate on perfection

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Original Bill: [HB1539](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Description: Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

Position Statement: Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB665](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

Description: Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

Position Statement: Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life-sustaining care. 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/26/2020 S - Formal Calendar S Bills for Perfection

Cryopreservation of Human Embryos

Original Bill: [HB2251](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. James Neely (R)

Description: Requires insurance companies to cover fertility preservation procedures for insureds who are less than eighteen years of age 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. 02/19/20

Last Action: 03/05/2020 H - Referred to House Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB1277](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sarah Unsicker

Description: Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death before August 28, 2020, 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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB2450](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Tom Hurst (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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/13/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB635](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Paul Wieland (

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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/16/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB1925](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan

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. 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/12/2020 H - Reported Do Pass Committee as substituted

Original Bill: [SB920](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Paul Wieland (

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. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/27/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Death Penalty/Mental Illness Exemption

Original Bill: [HB1756](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1756 & 1925 **Sponsor:** Rep. Tom Hannegan

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

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 those proposed in this legislation. 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/12/2020 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB1030](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams

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

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 those proposed in this legislation. 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/12/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Domestic Violence/Protection

Original Bill: [SB563](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the offense of unlawful possession of firearms.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Original Bill: [SB697](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Scott Sifton (D)

Description: Adds provisions making it unlawful for certain persons to possess firearms.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/30/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

Fetal Remains

Original Bill: [HB1524](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Shawan (R)

Description: Requires the burial, entombment, or cremation of fetal remains.

Position Statement: Support with amendments: The remains of deceased human beings should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the cause of death. The MCC is open to an amendment that would allow miscarried fetuses to be examined for a determination of disease or to establish cause of death. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Narcotics Control Act

Original Bill: [HB1693](#) **Amended Bill:** SS#2 HB 1693 **Sponsor:** Rep. Holly Rehder (

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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/18/2020 H - Reported Do Pass Committee

Original Bill: [HB2178](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Clemens

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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/16/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB677](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tony Luetkeme

Description: Establishes the Narcotics Control Act and provides for the incineration of certain controlled substances.

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) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/26/2020 S - Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection

Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech

Original Bill: [HB1950](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Judy Morgan (

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. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB790](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Description: Establishes the "Truth in Medicine Act".

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. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/13/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Prohibiting Hoarding of Fetal Remains

Original Bill: [HB2402](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (

Description: Establishes the "Safeguarding All Children's Remains to Ensure Dignity Act".

Position Statement: Support: The grisly practice of hoarding fetal remains from abortions should be outlawed. The remains of deceased human beings should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of the cause of death. 02/19/20

Last Action: 02/10/2020 H - Read Second Time

Sex Education/Abortion Providers

Original Bill: [HB2484](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ingrid Burnett (

Description: Requires school districts to provide "period products" at no cost in middle schools and high schools and charter schools and repeals provisions prohibiting abortion services providers from providing instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation would repeal the pro-life, pro-family focus of sex education currently authorized in Missouri law by allowing abortion providers to teach sex education to Missouri students. 03/26/20

Last Action: 02/19/2020 H - Read Second Time
