

Protect Human Life

Abortion Abolition

Original Bill: [SB391](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Establishes the "Abolition of Abortion in Missouri Act".

Position Statement: Oppose: This bill would eliminate all pro-life laws restricting abortion in favor of abolishing abortion altogether, a position that is not legally sustainable and which jeopardizes the legal status of the significant pro-life legislative gains made since the passage of Roe v. Wade. It would also subject women who have an abortion to possible criminal prosecution and eliminates the alternatives to abortion program.

Last Action: 02/11/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB129](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (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) 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB10](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 10 **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: 04/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations

Original Bill: [HB635](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (

Description: Prohibits expenditures of public funds to any person or facility, or affiliate of such, performing or inducing an abortion.

Position Statement: Support: Legislation 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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/04/2021 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SJR18](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (R)

Description: Prohibits expenditures of public funds to any person or facility, or affiliate of such, performing or inducing an abortion

Position Statement: Support: Legislation 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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 02/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB831](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (

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." 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/15/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HCR12](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (

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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/15/2021 H - Read Second Time

Abortion/Cloning Funding Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB852](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sara Walsh (R)

Description: Prohibits expenditures of public funds for research projects involving abortion services, 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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 04/14/2021 8:00 AM - House-Children and Families, HR 7

Original Bill: [SB398](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/10/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Health and Pensions

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 11 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.160 provides \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.160 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) 03/19/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Original Bill: [HB155](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (

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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB672](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth

Description: Establishes the "Born-Alive 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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB168](#) **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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/25/2021 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-Health and Pensions

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB127](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

Description: Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death 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) 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB50](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sarah Unsicker

Description: Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death 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) 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB462](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Doga

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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB341](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill White (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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 02/04/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Death Penalty/Mental Illness Exemption

Original Bill: [HB278](#) **Amended Bill:** **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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Dismemberment Abortion/Ban

Original Bill: [HB468](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Dinkins (

Description: Prohibits the performance of dismemberment abortions.

Position Statement: Support with amendments: Support efforts to ban all second trimester abortions. MCC supports amendment to include a ban on all forms of second trimester abortions. Part of the effort to protect human life. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB458](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Establishes the "Missouri Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act".

Position Statement: Support with amendments: Support efforts to ban all second trimester abortions. MCC supports amendment to include a ban on all forms of second trimester abortions. Part of the effort to protect human life. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/10/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Health and Pensions

Equal Rights Amendment

Original Bill: [HCR8](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ingrid Burnett (

Description: Establishes Missouri's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Position Statement: Oppose: While a laudable goal, equal rights for women should not come at the expense of unborn children, whose Constitutional right to life has been superseded by U.S. Supreme Court precedent recognizing abortion as a women's right to privacy protected by the Constitution. The MCC is concerned that ratifying the ERA would further embed a right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution and may undermine pro-life provisions in Missouri law. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/12/2021 H - Read Second Time

Expanding WIC Program

Original Bill: [HB652](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Martha Steven

Description: Adds WIC recipients to those eligible for vouchers for fresh produce.

Position Statement: Support: Support extending WIC program in this manner as part of an effort to create a culture of life and compassion. Providing women, infants, and children access to fresh produce will help in effort to promote good eating habits and healthy diets for recipients of WIC benefits. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/11/2021 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB525](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (

Description: Provides vouchers for farmers' markets for certain pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under 5 years of age.

Position Statement: Support: Support extending WIC program in this manner as part of an effort to create a culture of life and compassion. Providing women, infants, and children access to fresh produce will help in effort to promote good eating habits and healthy diets for recipients of WIC benefits. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/29/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources

Maternity Homes/Tax Credits

Original Bill: [HB1109](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for contributions to certain benevolent organizations.

Position Statement: Support: The maternity home tax credit encourages charitable giving to programs that provide essential assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. 01/22/21

Last Action: 02/10/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB1129](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Willard Haley (

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for contributions to certain benevolent organizations.

Position Statement: Support: The maternity home tax credit encourages charitable giving to programs that provide essential assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. 01/22/21

Last Action: 02/15/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB155](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for contributions to certain benevolent organizations.

Position Statement: Support: The maternity home tax credit encourages charitable giving to programs that provide essential assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/02/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Economic Development

Narcotics Control Act

Original Bill: [HB1149](#) **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) 03/19/21

Last Action: 02/18/2021 H - Read Second Time

Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech

Original Bill: [HB830](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (

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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/15/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB447](#) **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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 02/25/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Prohibiting Hoarding of Fetal Remains

Original Bill: [HB431](#) **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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 04/14/2021 8:00 AM - House-Children and Families, HR 7

Original Bill: [SB101](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig

Description: Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

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. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/10/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Health and Pensions

Tax Credit/Deduction for Adoption/Foster Care

Original Bill: [HB429](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 429 **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (

Description: Authorizes an income tax deduction for the provision of child foster care services.

Position Statement: Support: Support these tax deductions as a means of encouraging foster families to continue providing a home to minors in the state foster care system. 02/19/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 04/12/2021 12:50 PM - ** REVISED to ADD BILLS ** - House-Fiscal Review, HR 4

Original Bill: [HB430](#) **Amended Bill:** SS SCS HCS HB 430 **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for the adoption of children.

Position Statement: Support: Support expanding adoption tax credits as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 02/19/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 04/12/2021 12:50 PM - ** REVISED to ADD BILLS ** - House-Fiscal Review, HR 4

Original Bill: [HB673](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 673 **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth

Description: Modifies and creates provisions relating to the protection of children.

Position Statement: Support: Support expanding adoption tax credits as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/30/2021 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB461](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig

Description: Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for the care of certain children.

Position Statement: Support: Support expanding adoption tax credits and creating a tax deduction for foster parents as a means of encouraging families to foster and adopt children in need of a home. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/30/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Economic Development
