

## Protect Human Life

### Abortion Drug Mandate

**Original Bill:** [HB161](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

**Position Statement:** Oppose: This legislation would mandate emergency room personnel to offer all approved FDA drugs to rape victims including those that can act as abortifacients. "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) 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

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**Original Bill:** [HB619](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault.

**Position Statement:** Oppose: This legislation would mandate emergency room personnel to offer all approved FDA drugs to rape victims including those that can act as abortifacients. "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) 01/13/23

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### Abortion Funding/Prohibition

**Original Bill:** [HB10](#)      **Amended Bill:** CCS SCS 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 10.740 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

**Position Statement:** Support in part: Support Section 10.740, 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. 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/05/2023 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

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**Original Bill:** [SB160](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers.

**Position Statement:** Support: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 04/06/2023 S - Reported Do Pass

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**Original Bill:** [SJR8](#)      **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: Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services or to support those institutions which perform elective abortions. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 03/08/2023 S - Voted Do Pass

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## Abortion on Demand

**Original Bill:** [HB1111](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

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

**Position Statement:** Oppose: Legislation seeks to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

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**Original Bill:** [SB108](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lauren Arthur (D)

**Description:** Repeals provisions of law relating to abortion.

**Position Statement:** Oppose: Legislation seeks to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 01/19/2023 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

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## Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

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

**Description:** To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.165 provides \$8.38 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

**Position Statement:** Support in part: Support Section 11.165 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) 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/05/2023 S - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

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## Death Penalty Repeal

**Original Bill:** [HB609](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Sarah Unsicker (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) 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [HB839](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Patty Lewis (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) 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [HB961](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Tony Lovasco (R)

**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) 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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### Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

**Original Bill:** [HB694](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Davis (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. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [HB828](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

**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. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [SB687](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman

**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. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 04/06/2023 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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### Domestic Violence/Protection

**Original Bill:** [HB1135](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Del Taylor (D)

**Description:** Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence.

**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. 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 04/27/2023 H - Public hearing completed

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**Original Bill:** [HB1380](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Burton (D)

**Description:** Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence.

**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. 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House Committee on Emerging Issues

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**Original Bill:** [SB59](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Doug Beck (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to 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.  
02/15/23

**Last Action:** 01/12/2023 S - Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws

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### Fertility Treatment Mandate

**Original Bill:** [HB266](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Sander (R)

**Description:** Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for in vitro fertilization.

**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) 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

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### Prohibition on Abortion Drug Trafficking

**Original Bill:** [HB163](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to abortion, including the importation and distribution of drugs used to induce abortions.

**Position Statement:** Support: This legislation would punish entities that promote or distribute abortion drugs that are used in an unlawful manner. Part of the effort to create a culture of life. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/12/2023 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

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**Original Bill:** [SB491](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Cierpiot (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to abortion, including the importation and distribution of drugs used to perform or induce abortions.

**Position Statement:** Support: This legislation would punish entities that promote or distribute abortion drugs that are used in an unlawful manner. Part of the effort to create a culture of life. 01/13/23

**Last Action:** 05/01/2023 S - Removed from Senate Hearing Agenda - Senate-Health and Welfare

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### Tax Credit/Deduction for Adoption/Foster Care

**Original Bill:** [HB714](#)      **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 714      **Sponsor:** Rep. Hannah Kelly (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions related to the adoption tax credit.

**Position Statement:** Support: Support expanding adoption tax credits as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/05/2023 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 24

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**Original Bill:** [SB455](#)      **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 455      **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to benevolent tax credits.

**Position Statement:** Support: Support expanding adoption tax credits as a means of encouraging families to adopt children in need of a home. 02/15/23

**Last Action:** 05/05/2023 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed as part of SB 24

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