

Protect Human Life

Abortion Abolition

Original Bill: [SB775](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the protection of unborn children.

Position Statement: Oppose: Through its ministries and advocacy, the Church supports efforts to protect the unborn and to address the underlying social causes for abortion by expanding care and resources available to mothers. And for those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church offers healing and hope through its Project Rachel Ministries. Legal efforts to punish women after an abortion are inconsistent with these fundamental principles and with the history of the pro-life movement. The Missouri Catholic Conference opposes any legislation that would seek to criminalize a woman who has an abortion. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/09/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: [HB2121](#) **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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB1563](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ann Kelley (R)

Description: Prohibits public funds from being expended to any abortion facility, or affiliate or associate thereof, including for MO HealthNet reimbursement, and modifies 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/01/2024 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing-Rules-Regulatory Oversight

Original Bill: [HB2175](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to health care.

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB1168](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SBs 1168 & 810 **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Colem

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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/01/2024 S - Reported Do Pass as substituted

Original Bill: [SB810](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to eligible 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/31/2024 S - Superseded by SB 1168

Original Bill: [SB916](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Denny Hoskins (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to eligible 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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Abortion on Demand

Original Bill: [HB2038](#) **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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB1135](#) **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." 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate-Health and Welfare

Death Penalty Repeal

Original Bill: [HB1780](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB1846](#) **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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB1882](#) **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) 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Domestic Violence/Protection

Original Bill: [HB1819](#) **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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 02/01/2024 H - Referred to House committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety

Original Bill: [HB2336](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern (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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/10/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB2488](#) **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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/23/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB1033](#) **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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB913](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (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. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

No Right to Abortion in Constitution

Original Bill: [HJR89](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Sparks (R)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment regarding the right to life.

Position Statement: Support: Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the Missouri Constitution. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/25/2024 H - Referred to House-Transportation Accountability

Pregnancy Resource Centers/Tax Credits

Original Bill: [SJR87](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to abortion and assistance to pregnant women and families.

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

Last Action: 01/31/2024 S - Introduced and Read First Time

Right to Abortion in Constitution

Original Bill: [HJR105](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Crystal Quade (D)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a "Right to Abortion Care".

Position Statement: Oppose: We oppose all efforts to enshrine a "right to abortion" in laws or in the Missouri Constitution. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HJR106](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Peter Merideth (D)

Description: Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to the right to medical freedom.

Position Statement: Oppose: We oppose all efforts to enshrine a "right to abortion" in laws or in the Missouri Constitution. 01/12/24

Last Action: 01/04/2024 H - Read Second Time

Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition

Original Bill: [HB1777](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant prisoners by county and city jails.

Position Statement: Support: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to counties and municipalities. Shackling pregnant offenders demeans the dignity of the human person and can place the health of pregnant women and their unborn children at risk, and the Missouri law should be applied on a state-wide basis. 01/28/22

Last Action: 01/31/2024 H - Public hearing completed
