

## Protect Human Life

### Abortion Drug Mandate

**Original Bill:** [HB979](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 02/19/25

**Last Action:** 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB628](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** 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) 02/19/25

**Last Action:** 01/27/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

### Abortion on Demand

**Original Bill:** [HB581](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Weber (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Legislation seeks to repeal pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB241](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

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

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** Legislation seeks to repeal pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

### Alkaline Hydrolysis

**Original Bill:** [HB612](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Aaron Crossley (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to the disposition of human remains.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** We oppose the use of alkaline hydrolysis as a means of disposing of human remains since it fails to fully respect the dignity that is owed to the deceased. Our Catholic faith informs us that we are made in the image of God and that our human bodies share in the dignity of this image. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

### Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

**Original Bill:** [HB1119](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Holly Jones (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/19/2025 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Health and Mental Health

**Original Bill:** [HB195](#)    **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 195 & 1119    **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/19/2025 H - Reported Do Pass as substituted - House-Health and Mental Health

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**Original Bill:** [SB702](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/12/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

## Death Penalty Repeal

**Original Bill:** [HB118](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Murphy (R)

**Description:** Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB843](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Ray Reed (D)

**Description:** Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/13/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB994](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Wick Thomas (D)

**Description:** Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SB465](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

**Description:** Repeals provisions relating to the death penalty.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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) 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/17/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

## Domestic Violence/Protection

**Original Bill:** [HB904](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Del Taylor (D)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/16/2025 H - Read Second Time

**Original Bill:** [SB91](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to unlawful possession of firearms.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Legislation provides additional protection to victims of domestic violence by prohibiting the possession of guns by individuals subject to a full order of protection. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/16/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety

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## Expanding the Death Penalty

**Original Bill:** [SB196](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Establishes the penalty of death for certain sexual offenses.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** The death penalty undermines respect for human life. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 02/19/25

**Last Action:** 02/19/2025 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Heartbeat

**Original Bill:** [HB194](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Brian Seitz (R)

**Description:** Prohibits abortions following the detection of a fetal heartbeat and modifies provisions relating to the rights of unborn children.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

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## Legal Protection for In Vitro Fertilization

**Original Bill:** [HB1004](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Allen (R)

**Description:** Creates provisions relating to in vitro fertilization procedures.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** In vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalizes the act of creating a child, and requires 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) 02/19/25

**Last Action:** 01/23/2025 H - Read Second Time

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## No Right to Abortion in Constitution

**Original Bill:** [HJR14](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Burt Whaley (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the Missouri Constitution. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HJR9](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Sparks (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the Missouri Constitution. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/09/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [SJR8](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Mike Moon (R)

**Description:** Defines person in relation to the equal protection of laws.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Support laws that protect the right to life and clarify that a "right to abortion" is not found in the Missouri Constitution. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/20/2025 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing - 02/26/2025, 8:00 AM - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health, SCR 1

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### Protect Human Life/Tax Credits

**Original Bill:** [SJR17](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Travis Fitzwater (R)

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

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/06/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors, and Health

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### Repeals Amendment 3

**Original Bill:** [HJR54](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Melanie Stinnett (R)

**Description:** Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing provisions relating to reproductive health care.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion and limit the effects of Amendment 3. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/04/2025 H - Public hearing completed - House-Children and Families

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**Original Bill:** [SJR55](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

**Description:** Repeals Art. I, Section 36, the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative".

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion and limit the effects of Amendment 3. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/29/2025 S - Introduced and Read First Time

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### Safe Place for Newborns

**Original Bill:** [HB121](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Murphy (R)

**Description:** Establishes the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund" for the installation of newborn safety incubators.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Safe baby boxes provide a safe, anonymous, and legal alternative to the state's existing abandonment law. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/19/2025 H - Referred to committee - House-Rules-Administrative

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### Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition

**Original Bill:** [HB1090](#)      **Amended Bill:**      **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Establishes certain protections for pregnant offenders.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 01/29/2025 H - Read Second Time

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**Original Bill:** [HB916](#)

**Amended Bill:**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

**Description:** Establishes certain protections for pregnant offenders.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** 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. 01/17/25

**Last Action:** 02/19/2025 H - Voted Do Pass as substituted - House-Corrections and Public Institutions

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