

THE DETAILED FACTS ON AMENDMENT 3

Amendment 3 goes far beyond Roe v. Wade. Read what it does.

1. Put Women at Risk

Health care professional ≠ medical doctor. **A medical doctor would not be required to approve or perform any abortions.** A health care professional in Missouri includes nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and dental hygienists.

2. Prohibit any regulation of abortion

Amendment 3 would invalidate any existing laws and prohibit new laws that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, **including health and safety laws that protect women.**

3. Shield negligent health care professionals

Amendment 3 prohibits any person from being penalized or prosecuted, regardless of the outcome of actions associated with “reproductive” health. **A health care professional could be directly responsible for the harm or death of a woman during an abortion, or the harm or death of a wanted child during delivery, and not be held liable for their actions.** Women and families would not be allowed to sue the negligent person or organization, nor could the government prosecute them.

4. Permit Abortion even when the preborn child can feel pain

Allows abortion for any reason before “viability,” defined in the Amendment as a fetus being able to sustain life outside the womb without extraordinary medical measures. **A preborn child can survive outside the womb at 22-24 weeks of pregnancy (approximately 6 months).** Science has shown that a preborn child can feel pain as early as 12 weeks.

5. Eliminate parental notification or consent

Amendment 3 would **invalidate the current law that requires parental notification and consent for a minor to have an abortion.**

6. Allow Abortion at any time for any reason

Amendment 3 would allow abortions for any physical or mental health reasons. **This even allows post-viability, extremely late term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns.** Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

7. Open the Door to Taxpayer-funded abortions

Should Amendment 3 be enshrined in the Missouri constitution, **well-funded, out-of-state groups could sue Missouri to force taxpayer funding of abortions,** which is already occurring in Michigan.

