Protect Human Life

Abortion Drug Mandate

Original Bill: <u>HB979</u> Amended Bill: Sponsor: Rep. lan 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: 03/13/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Abortion Funding/Prohibition

Original Bill: HB10 Amended Bill: SS SCS HCS HB 10 Sponsor: Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior

Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.780 prohibits funding for abortion services

and abortion agencies.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: 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. 03/21/25

Last Action: 05/01/2025 S - conference committee established

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

Alternatives to Abortion/Funding

Original Bill: HB11 Amended Bill: SS SCS HCS HB 11 Sponsor: Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs.

Section 11.285 provides \$12.66 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Support Section 11.285 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) 03/21/25

Last Action: 05/01/2025 S - conference committee established

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: 04/23/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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: 03/24/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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

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

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

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

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: 03/13/2025 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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

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

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

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

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: 03/05/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Prohibiting Use of Aborted Fetal Tissue for Research

Original Bill: HB1246 Amended Bill: Sponsor: Rep. Becky Laubinger (R)

Description: Prohibits the use of fetal organs or tissue resulting from abortions for medical, scientific, research,

experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other use.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The remains of children killed in abortions should be treated with the same respect as any other person

and should not be treated as a commodity. 03/21/25

Last Action: 03/11/2025 H - Public hearing completed - House-Health and Mental Health

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

Repeal Pro-life Laws

Original Bill: HB1304 Amended Bill: Sponsor: Rep. Ashley Aune (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

Position: Oppose

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: 02/17/2025 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: SB696 Amended Bill: Sponsor: Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to abortion.

Position: Oppose

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: 03/24/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Repeals Amendment 3

Original Bill: HJR54 Amended Bill: HCS#2 HJR 54 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: 04/03/2025 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Administrative

Original Bill: HJR73 Amended Bill: HCS HJR 73 Sponsor: Rep. Ed Lewis (R)

Description: Establishes 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: 05/01/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Fiscal Oversight

Original Bill: SJR33 Amended Bill: Sponsor: Sen. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Establishes 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: 03/05/2025 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

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: 03/03/2025 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

Safe Place for Newborns

Original Bill: HB121 Amended Bill: SCS HB 121 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: 05/01/2025 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Fiscal Oversight

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

Original Bill: HB495 Amended Bill: SS#2 SCS HCS#2 HB 495 Sponsor: Rep. Brad Christ (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to public safety.

Position: Support in part

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: 03/26/2025 G - Signed by the Governor

Original Bill: HB916 Amended Bill: HCS HB 916 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: 04/22/2025 H - Laid over on perfection