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MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES AND FUTURE GOALS

2018 Legislative Successes

Budget Items That Promote Pro-Life Work, Help Save Unborn Babies, and Give Women Alternatives to Abortion

Renewal and Increase of Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passage of HB 1288 ensures that those who donate to Pregnancy Resource Centers or Maternity Homes participating in the tax credit program can receive a tax credit. The limit for this tax credit was increased from \$2.5 to \$3.5 million dollars.

Budget Bills Include the Following Pro-Life Provisions:

- HB 2007: Department of Economic Development - Pro-life protective language on MO Technology Investment Fund to prevent human cloning and embryonic stem cell research with these tax dollars.
- HB 2010: Department of Health and Senior Services - Pro-life protective language on Family Planning Services to prevent tax dollars from going to abortion providers. Prevents tax dollars from going for abortion services and/or abortion referrals.
- HB 2011: Department of Social Services – Includes:
 1. \$8,958,561.00 for Alternatives to Abortion Program
 2. \$15,700,027.00 for Show-Me Healthy Babies
 3. \$1,398,993.00 for MO HealthNet Pilot Program to help pregnant and postpartum women addicted to opioids to be treated and helped to get off drugs and go through rehabilitation.

NOTE: HB 2010 and HB 2011 also include pro-life language giving direction to the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Director of Social Services not to use tax dollars for abortion services directly or indirectly through abortion providers.

NOTE: Missouri Right to Life is also working on the National level to prevent our federal tax dollars from being used for abortion and/or abortion referrals. This is still an ongoing process.

2017 Legislative Successes

- Whistleblower protection for workers who report offenses at abortion facilities
- Ensure ambulatory surgical center regulations are followed
- Annual on-site abortion facility inspections
- Protection for pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and religious communities not to be forced to participate in abortion
- Concurrent jurisdiction for the Attorney General to ensure abortion clinics are upholding basic, medical standards that protect women
- Require complication plan for abortion emergencies be filed with the department of health
- Require the physician performing the abortion to meet with the woman prior to the woman giving consent
- Required reporting to the department of health of all baby body parts from abortions and identification of the abortion facility
- The definition of an abortion facility added to health department regulations
- Prevent interference for medical assistance at abortion facilities

Highlights of Prior Years' Successes

- Ban partial-birth abortions
- Ban web-cam abortions
- Woman's Right to Know
- 72-Hour Reflection Period
- Alternative to Abortion (A2A) Program placed in statute and funded
- Tax credits for those who contribute to pregnancy resource centers

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Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

- Pro-life protections to prevent tax dollars for abortion
- Safe Place for Newborns Drop-Off Program
- Restrictions on who teaches sex education in public schools
- Abortion facilities must abide by Ambulatory Surgical Center Regulations
- Anyone performing an abortion must have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the abortion facility
- Penalty for causing or aiding a minor to obtain an abortion without parental/legal guardian consent
- Abortion facilities required to report rape or sexual abuse of minors
- Abortion statistic reporting required
- Coverage for abortions must be by separate rider on insurance policies
- Coverage for abortions cannot be included in policies offered by State Health Insurance Exchanges
- Malpractice insurance required for abortionists
- Protection for pharmacy owners not to be forced to stock abortifacient drugs
- Safe Place for Newborns Drop-Off Program expanded
- Pro-life protections on Life Sciences Research Trust Fund
- Pro-life protections on Missouri Works Program
- Successful Missouri Supreme Court case opposing MOSIRA with no pro-life protections
- Protection of deeply held religious liberties so no one is forced to fund or participate in the taking of innocent human lives
- Requirement for Dept. of Health to set up transportation of donated umbilical cord blood to the Cord Blood Bank in St. Louis
- Continued funding for A2A program for pregnancy resource centers in budget and through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
- Continued insurance for unborn babies of low-income mothers through Show Me Healthy Babies Program
- Defunded Medicaid dollars to Planned Parenthood in the Missouri budget

2019 and Future Legislative Goals

- Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- Ban sex-selection abortions
- Require two custodial parent and/or guardian notification prior to an abortion
- Ban dismemberment abortions
- Continue to prioritize Medicaid family planning dollars for women's health care
- Monitor expansion of Medicaid for possible increase in abortions
- Continued funding for Alternative to Abortion Program, Show Me Healthy Babies Program, and transport for cord blood banks
- Continued tax credits for pregnancy resource centers
- Monitor economic development bills to ensure pro-life protections to prevent our public dollars being used for abortion services, human cloning, and human embryonic stem cell research
- Health care decision maker legislation ensuring hospitals are not removing care from people; ensuring health care decision makers have pro-life guidelines when making health care decisions for incapacitated persons
- Pass Simon's Law to ensure that a DNR order/document is not placed in a minor child's file without a parent's or legal guardian's written consent
- Require a hospital with a futility policy, which would stop life-saving medical care at any point, to make this known to anyone upon admittance to the hospital
- Require abortion facilities give women referred for abortions to out-of-state facility the same informed consent information given to women getting abortions in state
- Video of informed consent information be given to women prior to abortions
- Review of other possible pro-life legislation ongoing
- Monitor and oppose pro-abortion legislation