

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____

Offered By

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 668, in the Title, Line 4, by deleting all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“to the regulation and taxation of property by political subdivisions.”; and

Further amend said bill, Page 19, Section 143.115, Line 52, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

“188.125. 1. It is the intent of the general assembly to acknowledge the rights of an alternatives-to-abortion agency and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers to freely assemble and to freely engage in religious practices and speech without governmental interference, and that the constitutions and laws of the United States and the state of Missouri shall be interpreted, construed, applied, and enforced to fully protect such rights.

2. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure that prohibits, restricts, limits, controls, directs, interferes with, or otherwise adversely affects an alternatives-to-abortion agency or its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers' assembly, religious practices, or speech, including but not limited to counseling, referrals, or education of, advertising or information to, or other communications with, clients, patients, other persons, or the public.

3. Nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt a political subdivision of this state from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use or to enforce a building or fire code regulation, provided that such political subdivision treats an alternatives-to-abortion agency in the same manner as a similarly situated agency and that such authority is not used to circumvent the intent of this section.

4. In any action to enforce the provisions of this section, a court of competent jurisdiction may order injunctive relief, recovery of damages, or both, as well as payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses. The remedies set forth shall not be deemed exclusive and shall be in addition to any other remedies permitted by law.

5. As used in this section, "alternatives-to-abortion agency" means:

1 (1) A maternity home as defined in section 135.600;
2 (2) A pregnancy resource center as defined in section 135.630; or
3 (3) An agency or entity that has the primary purpose of providing services or counseling
4 to pregnant women to assist such women in carrying their unborn children to term instead of
5 having abortions, and to assist such women in caring for their dependent children or placing their
6 children for adoption, as described in section 188.325.”; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.