

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 24, Page 56, Section 184.865, Line 7, by
2 inserting after said line the following:

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4 "188.125. 1. It is the intent of the general assembly to acknowledge the rights of an
5 alternatives-to-abortion agency and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers to freely assemble
6 and to freely engage in religious practices and speech without governmental interference, and that
7 the constitutions and laws of the United States and the state of Missouri shall be interpreted,
8 construed, applied, and enforced to fully protect such rights.

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

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

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

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

25 (1) A maternity home as defined in section 135.600;

26 (2) A pregnancy resource center as defined in section 135.630; or

27 (3) An agency or entity that has the primary purpose of providing services or counseling to
28 pregnant women to assist such women in carrying their unborn children to term instead of having
29 abortions, and to assist such women in caring for their dependent children or placing their children
30 for adoption, as described in section 188.325." ;and

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Action Taken _____ Date _____

- 1 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
- 2 accordingly.