

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2688

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAPPELL.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 1.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to unborn children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 1.205, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 1.205, to read as follows:

1.205. 1. The general assembly of this state finds that:

- 2 (1) The life of each human being begins at conception;
- 3 (2) Unborn children have protectable interests in life, health, and well-being;
- 4 (3) The natural parents of unborn children have protectable interests in the life,
- 5 health, and well-being of their unborn child.

6 2. Effective January 1, 1988, the laws of this state shall be interpreted and construed
7 to acknowledge on behalf of the unborn child at every stage of development, all the rights,
8 privileges, and immunities available to other persons, citizens, and residents of this state,
9 subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and decisional interpretations thereof by
10 the United States Supreme Court and specific provisions to the contrary in the statutes and
11 constitution of this state.

12 3. **Unborn children at every stage of development are entitled to the protection of**
13 **rights guaranteed under the Fifth and the Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution**
14 **of the United States.**

15 4. As used in this section, the term "unborn children" or "unborn child" shall include
16 all unborn child or children or the offspring of human beings from the moment of conception
17 until birth at every stage of biological development.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [~~thus~~] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **[4.] 5.** Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as creating a cause of action against
19 a woman for indirectly harming her unborn child by failing to properly care for herself or by
20 failing to follow any particular program of prenatal care.

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