

Reproductive Health Bills – 2010
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BILLS THAT RESTRICT ACCESS TO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	MOVEMENT
HB 1211	Representative Dusenberg (R-54)	<p>2010 Abortion Restriction Bill These long, checklist bills contain numerous new, burdensome and duplicative requirements for counseling, evaluating, and performing abortion procedures that—according to the proponents—are to ‘protect women.’ These bills intrude on the doctor/patient relationship and ignore the standard practice of medical care already in place for abortion providers. The domestic violence and sexual assault prevention community oppose these bills because they can put abused women in greater danger.</p> <p>In addition, HB 1211, HB 1327, and HB 2000 create the new felony crime of “coercing an abortion” which removes decision-making from the woman seeking the procedure and can criminalize physicians.</p> <p>Similar bills were filed in 2008 and 2009 but ultimately died.</p>	HB 1211: 2 nd Read
HB 1327	Representative Davis (R –19)		HB 1327: Passed Children and Families 7-5; Referred to Rules
HB 1238	Representative Davis (R – 19)		HB 1238: Referred to Children and Families
HB 2000	Representative Pratt (R – 55)		HB 2000: Superseded by HB 1327
SB 793	Senator Mayer (R – 25)		SB 793: Passed Judiciary 5-2; set on the Senate Calendar
HB 1236	Representative Davis (R – 19)	<p>Abortion Physician Intimidation Act Unlike for any other medical procedure, this bill requires anyone referring for or performing an abortion to screen for ‘risk factors’ that may be unscientific or unproven, but may have been published in one of 16,000 scientific journals worldwide in the past 12 months. This bill intrudes on the doctor/patient relationship, narrowly defines who is allowed to provide education to the woman seeking services, and also declares that physician experts at trial do not have to have any abortion-related experience. HB 1236 would allow the sponsor or co-sponsor of the bill to represent the legislature in the event of a court challenge. The bill would cover abortion providers from other states that advertise in MO and allows for civil compensation up to \$10,000 for any violation.</p>	HB 1236: 2 nd Read

HB 1257	Representative Smith (R-14)	Prison Time for Pregnant Women This bill would criminalize a pregnant woman who goes to term before she is able to overcome her drug or alcohol problem. HB 1257 contradicts current statute (passed in 1991) that, rather than imposing criminal sanctions, requires pregnant women with drug or alcohol problems be given priority access to treatment and prenatal care to increase the chances of a healthy birth. Studies have demonstrated that, <i>even while continuing prenatal substance use</i> , obtaining prenatal care reduces the risk of premature birth and increases health outcomes. A jail cell does not.	HB 1257: 2 nd Read
HB 1365	Representative Emery (R – 126)	Pharmacy Denial This bill would protect pharmacies from recrimination if employees of the pharmacy refuse to dispense contraception. Women should have their legal prescriptions filled in-store without discrimination or delay. The bill also incorrectly defines emergency contraception as an abortifacient even though it was approved by the FDA as a contraceptive. It would allow a pharmacist to refuse to dispense ‘RU486’ – even though this medication is not available through a pharmacy, but only under direct contract between the manufacturer and the abortion provider.	HB 1365: Hearing Completed
HB 1546 SB 792	Representative Harris (D-110) Senator Dempsey (R – 23)	Additional Reporting Requirements This bill requires abortion providers to report to the state information that is already being reported. In addition it would require providers to ask women—and report to the state—the reasons why they are seeking an abortion.	HB 1546: Hearing Completed SB 792: Passed Judiciary 5-2
SB 747 HB 1725 HB 2145	Senator Rupp (R-2) Representative Pollock (R – 146) Representative Gatschenberger (R – 13)	Abortion Insurance Ban Going a step beyond current MO law, and beyond anything being discussed at the federal level, this bill would prohibit health insurance exchanges established in Missouri from offering health insurance policies <i>or optional riders that provide coverage for elective abortions and are paid for with private funds</i> . Missouri already has a ban on insurance policies from covering abortion services except through a single-service rider. There is no evidence that additional rider policies are generally available in Missouri or the other 4 states with similar insurance bans.	SB 747: Referred to Small Business and Insurance HB 1725: Referred to Children and Families HB 2145: 1 st Read
HJR 49	Representative Davis (R-19)	Ban on Public Funds for Abortion Even in Cases of Rape and Incest This measure would change our constitution in an attempt to ban abortions in public hospitals even when a woman’s life is at risk or in cases of rape and incest. In addition, this measure would jeopardize federal Medicaid funding by preventing Missouri from following the federal Medicaid rules protecting women who are survivors of rape and incest.	HJR 49: 2 nd Read

HJR 88	Representative Nieves (R – 98)	State Sovereignty Proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing state sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, including directing the state not to recognize “any federal actions legalizing or funding abortions...”	HJR 88: Hearing Completed
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BILLS THAT PROMOTE PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

SB 627	Senator Justus (D -10)	Cervical Cancer Immunization This bill mandates that MO-DHSS send information to the parents or guardians of all females entering the 6 th grade about the connection between HPV and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine. This bill does not require the vaccine for admission to school.	SB 627: Perfected in the Senate HB 2080: 2 nd Read
HB 2080	Representative Kelly (D – 24)		
SB 676	Senator Wright-Jones (D- 5)	Prostate Cancer Prevention This bill establishes a Prostate Cancer Pilot Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services. Subject to appropriations, the program funds prostate cancer screening and treatment services to uninsured Missouri men at local public health departments and federally qualified health centers.	SB 676: Hearing Scheduled for 3/2 in Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families
SB 696	Senator Wright-Jones (D-5)	Prevention First Act The provisions of the 2010 Missouri Prevention First Act are programs, policies, and services that will reduce STI’s, unintended pregnancy and the need for abortion. The policies include comprehensive, medically accurate sex education, birth control protection, patient protection at pharmacies, and expedited partner therapy. SB 696 also includes compassionate assistance for rape emergencies and expansion of women’s health services.	SB: 696: Referred to Judiciary SB 982: Referred to Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families HB 2232: 2 nd Read
SB 982	Senator Bray (D-24)		
HB 2232	Representative Low (D-39)		
HB 1375	Representative Cooper (R- 155)	Expedited Partner Therapy This bill allows physicians to treat the partner of a patient diagnosed with Chlamydia or Gonorrhea without an existing physician/patient relationship in order to help curb the growing rate of sexually transmitted infections. The antibiotics would be dispensed in pill form.	HB 1375: Hearing Completed HB 1740: 2 nd Read SB 955: Referred to Health, Mental Health, Seniors, and Families
HB 1740	Representative Storch (D – 64)		
SB 955	Senator Wright Jones (D-5)		

<p>HB 1914</p> <p>SB 1010</p>	<p>Representative Mott Oxford (D-59)</p> <p>Senator Bray (D-24)</p>	<p>Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Ensures that victims of sexual assault who present at an emergency room are provided with information about, and access to emergency birth control such as Plan B. Plan B is approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a contraceptive; if the pregnancy is already established, the medication does not work.</p>	<p>HB 1914: 2nd Read</p> <p>SB 1010: First Read</p>
<p>HB 1935</p>	<p>Representative Low (D-39)</p>	<p>Cancer Screening Coverage Requires health insurers to provide coverage for human papillomavirus screenings for cervical cancer</p>	<p>HB 1935: 2nd Read</p>
<p>HB 1961</p>	<p>Representative Newman (D-73)</p>	<p>Patient Protection at Pharmacies This bill seeks to clarify the duty of pharmacies to fill all lawful prescriptions and to make sure that persons of legal age purchasing emergency contraception over-the-counter are served as they would be for any other OTC medicine, without discrimination or delay.</p>	<p>HB 1961: 2nd Read</p>
<p>HB 1523</p>	<p>Representative Hoskins (D-80)</p>	<p>Uterine Fibroids Information Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop and disseminate information regarding uterine fibroids to health care providers and the public</p>	<p>HB 1523: Voted "Do Pass" from Health Care Transformation on 2/24</p>
<p>HB 2065</p>	<p>Representative Morris</p>	<p>Prostate Cancer Prevention Establishes the Prostate Cancer Pilot Program to fund screening and treatment services for prostate cancer for certain uninsured or economically challenged men</p>	<p>HB 2065: 2nd Read</p>