

Reproductive Health Bills – 2010

**BILLS THAT RESTRICT ACCESS TO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES**

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	MOVEMENT
<a href="#">HB 1211</a>	Representative Dusenberg (R-54)	<p><b>2009 Abortion Restriction Bill</b> 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 and HB 1327 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: Pre-filed
<a href="#">HB 1327</a>	Representative Davis (R –19)		HB 1327: Pre-filed
<a href="#">HB 1238</a>	Representative Davis (R – 19)		HB 1238: Pre-filed
<a href="#">HB 1236</a>	Representative Davis (R – 19)	<p><b>16,000-Journal Abortion Screening Requirements</b> Unlike for any other medical procedure, this bill lays out in minute detail every abortion screening requirement, including screening for any “risk factors’ that may have been published in the 12 months prior to the abortion in any of 16,000 scientific journals even if the article is written in Japanese, disputed, or proven inaccurate. 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: Pre-filed

<a href="#"><u>HB 1257</u></a>	<b>Representative Smith (R-14)</b>	<b>Prison Time for Pregnant Women</b> 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: Pre-filed
<a href="#"><u>HJR 49</u></a>	<b>Representative Davis (R-19)</b>	<b>Ban on Public Funds for Abortion Even in Cases of Rape and Incest</b> 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: Pre-filed

**BILLS THAT PROMOTE PREVENTION AND WELLNESS**

<a href="#"><u>SB 627</u></a>	<b>Senator Justus (D -10)</b>	<b>Cervical Cancer Immunization</b> This bill mandates that MO-DHSS send information to the parents or guardians of all females entering the 6 <sup>th</sup> 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: Pre-filed
<a href="#"><u>SB 676</u></a>	<b>Senator Wright-Jones (D- 5)</b>	<b>Prostate Cancer Prevention</b> 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: Pre-filed
<a href="#"><u>SB 696</u></a>	<b>Senator Wright-Jones (D-5)</b>	<b>Prevention First Act</b> 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, compassionate assistance for rape emergencies, birth control protection, expansion of women's health services, patient protection at pharmacies, and expedited partner therapy.	SB: 696: Pre-filed

