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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to
contraception.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 191.720, to read as follows:

**191.720. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Birth Control Protection Act".**

3 2. The general assembly of this state finds that:

**4 (1) Citizens of this state have a protectable interest in the
5 freedom from unreasonable government intrusions into their private
6 lives;**

**7 (2) This interest in freedom from unreasonable government
8 intrusions into the private lives of citizens encompasses and protects
9 the right of consenting individuals to obtain and use safe and effective
10 methods of contraception without interference by governmental
11 entities;**

**12 (3) It is the public policy of this state that the interest in
13 freedom from unreasonable government intrusions into the private
14 lives of citizens, and specifically the right of consenting individuals to
15 obtain and use safe and effective methods of contraception without
16 interference by governmental entities, shall be safeguarded and that
17 the laws of this state shall be interpreted and construed to recognize
18 and protect these rights.**

**19 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no governmental
20 actor or entity, whether state, county, municipal, or otherwise, within
21 the state of Missouri, shall:**

22 (1) Be authorized to act in any fashion so as to deprive
23 consenting individuals of the right to obtain and use safe and effective
24 methods of contraception; or

25 (2) Interfere with or discriminate against, in the regulation or
26 provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information, the right of
27 consenting individuals to obtain and use safe and effective methods of
28 contraception.

29 4. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prevent
30 implementation of laws, rules, ordinances, taxes, or regulations
31 affecting the method and manner of sale or distribution of
32 contraceptives, provided such laws, rules, ordinances, taxes, or
33 regulations are reasonably designed to promote public health and
34 safety, and do not have the effect of unreasonably hindering public
35 access to contraceptives.

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