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# SENATE BILL NO. 591

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HUDSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

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Section A. Section 1.205, RSMo, is repealed and one new  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

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

3 (1) The life of each human being begins at conception;

4 (2) Unborn children have protectable interests in  
5 life, health, and well-being **and are entitled to the same**  
6 **rights, powers, privileges, justice, and protections as are**  
7 **secured or granted by the laws of this state to any other**  
8 **human person;**

9 (3) The natural parents of unborn children have  
10 protectable interests in the life, health, and well-being of  
11 their unborn child.

12 2. Effective January 1, 1988, the laws of this state  
13 shall be interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf  
14 of the unborn child at every stage of development, all the  
15 rights, privileges, and immunities available to other  
16 persons, citizens, and residents of this state, subject only  
17 to the Constitution of the United States, and decisional  
18 interpretations thereof by the United States Supreme Court

19 and specific provisions to the contrary in the statutes and  
20 constitution of this state.

21       3. As used in this section, the term "unborn children"  
22 or "unborn child" shall include all unborn child or children  
23 or the offspring of human beings from the moment of  
24 conception until birth at every stage of biological  
25 development.

26       4. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as  
27 creating a cause of action against a woman for indirectly  
28 harming her unborn child by failing to properly care for  
29 herself or by failing to follow any particular program of  
30 prenatal care.

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