

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 605

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MCCREERY.

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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 human embryos.

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Section A. Section 1.205, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 1.205, to read as follows: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

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

(2) Unborn children have protectable interests in life, health, and well-being;

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

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

18           3. As used in this section, the term "unborn children"  
19 or "unborn child" shall include all unborn child or children  
20 or the offspring of human beings from the moment of  
21 conception until birth at every stage of biological  
22 development, **but shall not apply to human embryos created**  
23 **through assisted reproductive technology, including, but not**  
24 **limited to, in vitro fertilization, prior to successful**  
25 **implantation in the uterus.**

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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