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Three protective bills introduced today uphold rights of women, unborn children

MCCL strongly backs admitting privileges, bans on saline abortion, taxpayer funding

ST. PAUL – A trio of lifesaving bills introduced today would protect women and unborn children from the suffering and exploitation imposed on them by the abortion industry. The three measures have the strong backing of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL), the state’s oldest and largest pro-life organization.

“It is time for state lawmakers to get serious about defending the rights of our most vulnerable citizens,” said Andrea Rau, MCCL Legislative Associate. “Pregnant women and their unborn babies are still not safe from an abortion industry that preys upon them.”

Cruel [saline abortions](#) would be banned under H.F. 1058 / S.F. 905, authored by Rep. Patti Fritz, DFL-Faribault, and Sen. Amy Koch, R-Buffalo. In a saline abortion procedure, the abortionist replaces the life-giving amniotic fluid in the womb with a hypertonic saline (salt) solution toxic to the unborn child. The baby swallows the salt and is poisoned. The corrosive effect of the salt solution often burns the outer layer of the baby’s skin. The mother delivers a burned, shriveled and dead baby.

“Saline abortions are one of the most brutal and inhumane medical procedures performed today,” said Rau. “Even though saline abortion causes horrific suffering for unborn babies and poses great dangers to women’s health, it is still legal in Minnesota. Outlawing this grotesque abortion procedure is long overdue.”

The second bill (H.F. 1057, S.F. 904), authored by Rep. Laura Brod, R-New Prague, and Sen. Pat Pariseau, R-Farmington, would require abortionists to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital to ensure that women receive proper care when harmed by an abortionist. The number of reported complications resulting from abortion has increased in recent years, according to the Minnesota Department of Health’s [annual abortion report](#). These complications vary in severity, but can be serious enough to warrant hospitalization.

“Where abortionists do not have admitting privileges, women may be denied the immediate, crucial medical care they deserve,” Rau explained.

[Taxpayer funded abortions](#) would be banned with passage of H.F. 1059 / S.F. 906, authored by Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba, DFL-Long Prairie, and Sen. Claire Robling, R-Jordan. Since the Minnesota Supreme Court’s 1995 [Doe v. Gomez](#) decision required taxpayers to pay for elective abortions, taxpayers have reimbursed abortionists more than \$12.5 million for an overwhelming 43,000 abortions (Minnesota Department of Human Services). These statistics indicate that the abortion industry has targeted vulnerable, low-income women for abortions.

“The abortion industry is using low-income women to enrich itself with taxpayer dollars,” Rau said. “A large majority of Minnesotans don’t want their tax dollars funding abortions, and this mainstream legislation is a big step in getting state government out of the abortion business.”

MCCL is Minnesota’s oldest and largest pro-life organization with more than 70,000 member families and 240 chapters across the state. For more information about MCCL, visit www.mccl.org.

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