

## **Ban on Abortion, Birth Control & IVF**

[SB 391](#) - [Sen. Moon](#) (R-29, Ash Grove)

*These bills do nothing to protect patients or improve health outcomes for Missourians. SB 391 is designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, and ban abortion, common methods of birth control and even in vitro fertilization (IVF).*

### **This is a total ban on abortion — without exception. It criminalizes doctors and patients.**

- Under this bill, abortion would be deemed murder. Physicians who provide and patients who seek abortion would be prosecuted under the criminal code and threatened with imprisonment for providing or seeking medical care.
- SB 391 could have dangerous consequences, including keeping an individual with a life-threatening pregnancy complication from getting the care they need.
- Major medical groups like the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists oppose measures like this because they are so dangerous.

### **SB 391 could ban in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and common birth control methods because it deems all fertilized eggs to be full legal persons.**

- [More than 99% of women who have ever had sex have used birth control](#). This extreme bill would ban safe, effective and common forms of birth control, including the pill and the intrauterine device (IUD).
- All Missourians have the right to decide if, when and how to build their families — but SB 391 could ban in vitro fertilization and block Missourians' access to this care.

### **When politicians attack health care, they disproportionately impact those who already face barriers to health care: people of color, immigrants, women, the LGBTQ community, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and people who live in rural communities.**

- All Missourians deserve to access the full range of health care — including birth control and safe, legal abortion — no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they make.

### **Let's take a step back: This bill is written by politicians, not doctors. The shift on the U.S. Supreme Court has emboldened state politicians to advance these dangerous, harmful abortion bans at a rapid pace.**

- SB 391 does *nothing* to protect patients' health and safety.
- This bill will invite litigation and could cost the state thousands of dollars to defend.



Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri

- This measure tries to override the U.S. Constitution by preemptively "nullifying" any court ruling that would block this unconstitutional bill from taking effect. This is an invalid legal action, and will only cost our state time and money in litigation.

**We deserve elected leaders who will focus on improving Missourians' health outcomes — not attacking patients and doctors.**

- Missouri has the nation's seventh highest rate of maternal mortality, and a Black women are three to four times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related complications. This attack on patients and doctors will do *nothing* to improve the health of pregnant and birthing people in Missouri.