

Playing Politics with Missourians' Reproductive Health: Medically Unnecessary Abortion Restrictions & Rolling Back Nondiscrimination Protections

[Senate Bill 5](#) - [Sen. Koenig](#) (R-15, Manchester)

Senate Bill 5 is a political attempt to restrict a woman's access to safe, legal abortion

Senate Bill 5 is a Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) bill. TRAP bills are dangerous and deceptive measures designed to sound like reasonable efforts to protect patients, but they are medically unnecessary and only serve to make it more difficult for a woman to access safe, legal abortion.

Senate Bill 5 singles out Missouri abortion providers and health centers that provide abortion and imposes additional restrictions on one of the safest, [most regulated](#) medical procedures in the state.

Senate Bill 5:

- Politicizes enforcement of abortion laws by allowing the attorney general to supersede the judgment of the locally elected prosecutor;
- Creates more medically unnecessary restrictions on a woman's access to abortion;
- Imposes additional, unnecessary data collection and reporting requirements on health centers that provide abortion;
- Strips cities' right to protect citizens from discrimination;
- Prevents cities from enacting laws to ensure patient safety at health centers that provide abortion and contraception; and
- Blocks cities from regulating so-called "Pregnancy Resource Centers" (PRCs), which are on record providing false and misleading information to women, men and young people about pregnancy and sex in an effort to prevent patients from choosing abortion. Currently, PRCs are not required to provide factual or medically accurate information.

The bottom line is this: Senate Bill 5 does nothing to protect patient health and safety. It only increases the barriers a woman faces when she seeks safe, legal abortion in Missouri.