

Anti-Abortion Propaganda

[SB 753](#) - [Sen. Burlison](#) (R-20, Battlefield)

[HB 1959](#) - [Rep. Richey](#) (R-38, Excelsior Spring), [HB 1593](#) - [Rep. Walsh](#) (R-50, Ashland)

These bills are designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, shame pregnant people and doctors, and ultimately, ban abortion.

The term “born alive” is anti-abortion rhetoric designed to spread myths and fearmonger to ban abortion.

- These bills perpetuate stigma against people who have abortions and the doctors who care for them.
- The politicians pushing this bill have one motive: to ban safe, legal abortion in Missouri.
- These bills are completely unnecessary. Doctors are already obligated to provide appropriate medical care. To suggest otherwise is false, offensive, and dangerous.

Missouri already has dozens of medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion, including a mandatory 72-hour delay, a ban on public and private insurance coverage, and down-to-the-inch building codes for abortion facilities that have nothing to do with patient safety. Enough is enough.

- This is political theater, and it’s not how Missourians want their elected leaders to spend their time in office — especially during a pandemic.
- Instead of respecting Missourians’ decisions and acknowledging the complexities of medical care, anti-abortion politicians are again using false and inflammatory rhetoric to distract from their real goal: banning abortion and punishing patients and their doctors.

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

- Missouri has the nation’s [7th highest rate of maternal mortality](#), and 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.
- Attacking Missourians’ access to sexual and reproductive health care will only worsen these disparities.