



2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

LIFE ISSUES

Abortion

SB528 - by Sen. Broome - requires that any woman seeking an abortion must receive an ultrasound, that she must be given the opportunity to view the ultrasound images, and that she must be given an ultrasound photograph of her unborn child. **OUR POSITION** : Strong Support
STATUS : Assigned to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

HB528 - by Rep. Hoffmann and Sen. Appel - corrects a technical problem with the changes made to the Choose Life license plate last legislative session. Re-instates the annual royalty fee for license plate holders **OUR POSITION** : Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to House Transportation Committee

SB26 - by Sen. Crowe - This is one of several bills which have been proposed to limit the fiscal and anti-life effects of the national healthcare bill which recently passed the U.S, Congress and was signed by the President. These bills will prevent Louisiana taxpayer funds from paying for abortion and will limit the adverse effects of increased Medicaid spending on the state budget. **OUR POSITION**: Support **STATUS**: Assigned to Senate Finance Committee.

Abstinence

HB529 by Rep. Patricia Smith - Requires instruction with respect to sex education in public schools. The bill mixes abstinence education with contraception information. Also includes the promotion of healthy attitudes toward "sexual orientation". **OUR POSITION**: Strongly Oppose
STATUS: Assigned to House Education Committee

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Homosexual Adoption of Children

SB521 - by Sen. Shaw strengthens Louisiana law dealing with adoption and birth certificates. A current lawsuit in federal court seeks to require Louisiana to list two homosexual men as "parents" on a child's birth certificate. This bill clarifies that Louisiana will not issue a birth certificate which contradicts Louisiana public policy. **OUR POSITION**: Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to Senate Judiciary A Committee .

SB129 by Sen. Morrell, **HB737** by Rep. Leger, **HB738** by Rep. Lafonta, **HB901** by Rep. Leger, and **SB442** by Sen. Murray - all will allow unmarried couples, including homosexual couples, to jointly adopt children **OUR POSITION**: Strongly Oppose

GAMBLING

SB53 - by Sen. Nick Gautreaux - requires the withholding of payments of progressive slot machine annuities and cash gaming winnings of persons who owe child support. **OUR POSITION** : Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to Senate Judiciary A Committee

CHOICE IN EDUCATION

HB303 by Rep. Cameron Henry allows homeschoolers to participate in public and private school athletic programs. **OUR POSITION**: Support **STATUS**: Assigned to House Education Committee

LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Privacy

HB870 - by Rep. Geymann prohibits the state from enforcing the provisions of the U.S. Pass ID Act. Provisions of the Pass ID Act quite possibly could result in invasion of privacy and will cost the states billions of dollars. The Pass ID Act is basically an unfunded mandate on the states. **OUR POSITION**: Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to House Transportation

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Religious Freedom

SB504 - by Sen. Crowe reinstates exemptions in state law regarding the licensing of church run daycare centers. **OUR POSITION**: Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to Senate Health and Welfare Committee .

HB287 by Rep. Cortez and **SB192** by Sen. Mount- Provide relative to day care centers administered by certain tax-exempt religious organizations

SB606 - by Sen. Martiny establishes a wall of protection by delineating the limited circumstances under which governmental regulation would be allowed to deny religious freedom. **OUR POSITION**: Strong Support **STATUS**: Assigned to Senate Judiciary A Committee .

HB686 - by Rep. Richmond establishes a licensing procedure for professional chaplains. This is a totally unconstitutional violation of the free exercise of religion. The bill sets up a state board which would have oversight as to who would qualify as a professional chaplain and prohibits all others from practicing this ministry. **OUR POSITION**: Strongly Oppose **STATUS**: Assigned to House Commerce Committee .

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