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Personhood Florida Pro-life Bill Recommendations

CS/HB 289: Civil Liability for the Wrongful Death of an Unborn Child — General Bill by Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Greco ; (Co-Introducers) Bankson; Barnaby; Benarroch; Kincart Jonsson; Nix; Persons-Mulicka; Plakon; Robinson, W.; Valdés

SB 164: Civil Liability for the Wrongful Death of an Unborn Child — General Bill by Grall ; (Co- Introducers) Yarborough

Bill Summary — Allows family members to file civil lawsuits for the wrongful death of an unborn child.

Recognizes an unborn child as a separate legal entity and extends legal protections to ensure accountability in cases of negligent or intentional harm.

Analysis — Personhood Florida commends these bills for advancing the recognition of the pre-born in our legal system. These bills demonstrate several encouraging features: Expanding the definition of “survivors;” Scientific recognition of humanity; Provision for pain and suffering; and Closing gaps in justice.

While these bills take a significant step, they do not yet reach the standard of equal protection for all human beings from conception to natural death for the following reasons: Inclusion of civil “carve-outs” or exceptions; Limited Estate Recovery; Absence of Criminal Accountability; and Reliance on pluralistic standards.

Support with Recommended Changes — Personhood FL supports this bill's effort to provide justice for bereaved parents and recognize the humanity of the unborn in civil law. However, it remains a secondary measure until the state fully recognizes the personhood of every child without exception.

CS/CS/CS/HB 1071: Education — General Bill by Education & Employment Committee; PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee; Student Academic Success Subcommittee; Trabulsy

SB 1090: Education — General Bill by Grall

Summary — Comprehensive education bill that includes a provision for fetal development education in an age-appropriate manner that shows how babies grow in the womb. The Senate version requires parents to opt in to sex education classes rather than opting out.

Analysis — Personhood Florida commends this bill for its efforts to bring greater transparency and moral clarity to our education system. This bill demonstrates several encouraging features: Visual Truth in Education of fetal development; Defunding Secular Ideology (DEI); and Acknowledgment of Parental Rights.

While HB 1071 takes positive steps, it remains rooted in a state-centered model of education that often conflicts with biblical principles regarding parental authority and stewardship: The State as “Grantor” of Rights; Parents, not a secular government institution, hold the ultimate authority over a child’s upbringing and education; Coercive State Funding; Incomplete Protection of the Pre-Born; and Governance by District Boards.

Support with Changes Recommended — Personhood FL supports this bill as a helpful defensive measure that exposes students to the biological reality of the pre-born and limits the reach of radical ideologies. However, we remain concerned by the continued expansion of a centralized state education system. We urge the legislature to move toward a model that fully returns educational and financial authority to the family, in accordance with the biblical mandate.



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HB 663: Civil Remedies Pertaining to Abortions -- General Bill by Abbott; Jacques

SB 1374: Civil Remedies Pertaining to Abortions — General Bill by Martin

Bill Summary — Gives family members a clear way to hold abortion providers, including out-of-state providers, accountable when abortions are performed illegally under Florida law. Protects women from being sued. This is critical to curb illegal chemical abortions. Shield's Florida families from those who will circumvent Florida's laws.

Analysis — HB 663/SB 1374

Points of Praise — Personhood Florida commends these bills for their continued focus on defending human life. These bills demonstrates several encouraging features: Recognition of abortion as civil injury; Protection from hostile out-of-state laws; Accountability for facilitators; and Safeguards for privacy

Points of Critique — While moving in a positive direction, these bills fall short of the constitutional standard of equal protection for every human being from conception to natural death: Absence of explicit Personhood declaration; Civil but not criminal accountability; Dependence on state pluralism rather than inalienable, God-given rights; and Protection of interests, not the child.

Support with Changes Recommended — Personhood FL supports HB 663/SB 1374 but urges legislators to champion legislation restoring the right to life of every child from fertilization. Preborn deserve nothing less than equal protection under the law—no exceptions, no compromise.

HB 993: Informed Consent for Assisted Reproductive Technology — General Bill by Persons-Mulicka

SB 1044: Informed Consent for Assisted Reproductive Technology — General Bill by Grall

Summary — Revising requirements for certain written disposition agreements required between a commissioning couple and a treating physician; prohibiting health care providers from performing in vitro fertilization without first obtaining informed consent from the commissioning couple; prohibiting health care providers from discarding embryos for nonpayment unless certain conditions are met; requiring health care providers to provide informed consent in the patients' primary language or with a qualified interpreter, etc.

Analysis — Personhood Florida commends this bill for bringing much-needed transparency and oversight to the multi-billion-dollar fertility industry. This bill demonstrates several encouraging features: Recognition of the Embryo's Moral Weight; Informed Consent Protections; Prevention of Coerced Disposal; and Accountability for Providers.

While this bill is a step toward protecting human life, it falls short of the full biblical and constitutional standard of Personhood for the pre-born: Regulation of Destruction, Not Prohibition; Ambiguity on Embryo Status; The "Non-Payment" Clause underscores a humanistic rather than a God-centered view of personhood; and the Lack of Criminal Sanctions.

Support with recommended changes — Personhood FL supports this bill since it takes a significant defensive measure that brings accountability to the IVF industry and grants parents better control over their children's futures. However, it remains an incomplete victory until the law transitions from regulating the process of assisted reproduction to fully protecting the persons created by it.

HB 551: Medical Conscience — General Bill by Black

SB 670: Right of Medical Conscience of Health Care Providers and Health Care Payors — General Bill by Yarborough

Summary — Authorizing a health care provider or health care payor to commence certain civil actions if the Attorney General does not commence a civil action within a specified timeframe for an alleged violation of the provider's or payor's right of medical conscience, etc.

Analysis — Personhood FL supports allowing medical providers to abstain from participating in medical procedures they find morally objectionable and the additional civil remedies provided in this bill. We do, however, encourage the Florida Legislature to protect the right to life of every innocent human being from fertilization to natural death and to prohibit surgeries that alter a patient's God-given gender.

Support — Personhood FL supports this bill while calling for legislative reforms that would eliminate the need for such legislation in most cases.

HB 6001: Pregnancy Support and Wellness Services – General Bill by Skidmore ; (Co-Introducers) Campbell; Eskamani; Harris

SB 242: Pregnancy Support and Wellness Services – General Bill by Arrington ; (Co-Introducers) Smith

Summary – Repeals all provisions related to pregnancy support services. 381.96, F.S.

Analysis – This bill would abolish the Florida Pregnancy Care Network which provides free services to pregnant women (and their families), women who recently gave birth (within 12 months), and new or adoptive parents for up to 12 months after a birth or adoption of a child under 3. The program currently provides recipients with the following services: pregnancy testing, counseling and referrals, nonmedical material assistance (diapers, cribs, formula, car seats, clothing), parenting and life-skills classes, and a public awareness campaign. We oppose the abolition of the Florida Pregnancy Care Network and the services it provides.

Oppose – Personhood FL opposes this bill.

HB 681: Health Care – General Bill by Eskamani; (Co-Introducers) Campbell; Harris

SB 782: Health Care Freedom Act – General Bill by Jones

Summary – Citing this act as the “Health Care Freedom Act”; repealing provisions relating to the prohibited use of state funds for travel to another state for purpose of abortion services, the prohibited use of state funds for sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures, and the right of medical conscience of health care providers and health care payors, respectively; creating the “Health Care Transparency and Accessibility Act”; requiring a covered entity to, by a specified date, adopt a policy relating to providing written notice of a complete list of its refused services to patients, etc.

Analysis – This bill would substantially expand abortion access in Florida, moving from the current 6-week ban to something closer to a second-trimester framework for most abortions, would repeal statutes banning sex-reassignment prescriptions and creating civil liability for providing them to minors, would provide taxpayer funding of abortion and “gender affirming care”, and would remove the in-person dispensing requirement and the telehealth ban for medical abortions. Florida needs to protect every innocent human life, not increase the circumstances where we allow the execution of innocent human beings and the mutilation of children.

Oppose – Personhood FL opposes this bill.

HB 1151: Health Care Autonomy – General Bill by Driskell ; (Co-Introducers) Campbell; Cross; Skidmore

SB 1308: Reproductive Freedom – General Bill by Davis

Summary – This bill establishes reproductive health care as a protected right in Florida, barring the state and local governments from blocking or interfering with access to it. Law enforcement would be prohibited from targeting, prosecuting, or penalizing individuals who obtain, provide, or assist with reproductive health care, and individuals would be shielded from civil liability for the same. It also explicitly denies legal personhood to fertilized eggs, embryos, and fetuses under state law, and prevents local governments from imposing restrictions stricter than those set at the state level.

Analysis – While this bill equates abortion with reproductive healthcare, it is actually the killing of innocent human beings created in the image of God. As opposed to reproduction which adds children to a family, abortion destroys members of a family. This bill declares that pregnant women have a fundamental right to determine whether to continue or terminate a pregnancy and as such, totally denies the rights to life of the mother’s preborn daughter or son. This law would also prohibit local governments and law enforcement from taking steps to protect innocent human life.

Oppose – Personhood FL opposes this bill.

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What is Personhood Florida?

Personhood Florida is a Christ-centered, biblically informed organization dedicated to the non-violent advancement of the recognition and protection of the God-given, inalienable right to life of all human beings as legal persons from the moment of biological beginning until natural death..

Personhood is defined as the status of being a person. Personhood in philosophy and law is closely tied with the legal and political concepts of the right to life and liberty as well as citizenship and equality. According to law, a natural person has rights, protections, privileges, responsibilities, and legal liability. Personhood Florida is dedicated to the proposition that the right to life is unalienable and cannot legally be taken away by any governmental power without due process.

Pro-life conservatives recognize that the *Roe v. Wade* decision was not only wrongly decided, but also unconstitutional. Federal courts cannot make law. Instead of recognizing *Roe* as valid, we encourage our lawmakers to pass bills that would effectively end all abortion in the state of Florida. The legislature and governor should refuse to recognize *Roe* on the grounds of the 9th and 10th Amendments of the United States Constitution. The 9th Amendment affirms that states may recognize rights not described in the United States Constitution. The 10th Amendment says that powers not resting with the federal government are delegated to the states or to the people. Powers that are delegated solely to the states include measures for public health and safety and any power the Constitution does not delegate to the federal government nor prohibit to the states.

Furthermore, no court or legislature has the constitutional power to deny a human being their natural rights. In the history of the United States, there are ample instances of states defying or ignoring unconstitutional federal court decisions. States have defied court rulings on the basis of Personhood on many rulings. These U.S. Supreme Court rulings have included the supposed “constitutionality” of slavery, the sterilization of the mentally handicapped, and war-time internment camps for Japanese American citizens. These examples were all US Supreme Court rulings that were never overturned but have been since ignored by states without question as invalid decisions. Therefore, we ask our legislators to pass laws protecting all human life with the intention of ignoring *Roe* and not waiting for a court decision to overturn this unconstitutional decision.

Personhood Florida does not support bills that contain regulations on abortion and permissions for abortion under certain circumstances. We oppose any bill that explicitly states that there is a circumstance where human beings may be murdered with impunity. We take the same stance on end of life issues and legislation pertaining to biological and genetic engineering; experimentation on human embryos; in vitro fertilization that involve the destruction of some lives so that others may live; and any practice that involves killing human being. In other words, we oppose any bill that explicitly allows for the murder of a certain class of people or provides the ability to take a judicially innocent human life under any circumstance.

Our litmus test is that we do not support legislation that would need to be repealed under a state Personhood Amendment or national Human Life Amendment. We also hold that as Christians we must not support legislation that enforces or allows crimes against human persons to go unpunished in order so that some good may come.

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