

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 610

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BEARD.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 188, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the receipt of family planning funds, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 188, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 188.208, to read as follows:

**188.208. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

(1) “Encourage a woman to have an abortion”, to undertake any activity if the immediate effect of such activity is to promote or encourage the use of abortion as a method of family planning including, but not limited to, providing transportation for an abortion, explaining and obtaining signed abortion consent forms from women interested in abortions, negotiating a reduction in fees for an abortion, and scheduling or arranging for the performance of an abortion;

(2) “Provide required counseling for an abortion”, to provide the information and counseling required in sections 188.027 and 188.039 immediately prior to the seventy-two-hour waiting period;

(3) “Title X contract”, a contract or grant which is made as part of the administration of funds received under Title X of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300, et seq.

2. No person or entity, whether such person or entity is operating in a public or private capacity, shall enter into a Title X contract with any abortion facility or with any person, organization, or entity which encourages a woman to have an abortion or which provides required counseling for an abortion.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **3. A violation of this section shall be a class A misdemeanor.**

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