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### *Legislation Meant To Honor, Preserve, Respect Human Life*

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JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, has co-sponsored a bill prohibiting human cloning, which the legislation defines as the creation of a human being by any means other than the fertilization of an “oocyte” (egg) of a human female by a sperm of a human male.

“This is important legislation that protects an important tenet of our very existence,” Engler said. “Passage of this bill will uphold the belief held by an overwhelming majority of Missourians who feel that life begins at conception, and that the cloning of human embryos directly and harmfully interferes with life.”

Introduced today, Jan. 11, Senate Bill 160 prohibits individuals from knowingly cloning or attempting to clone a human being, or participating in cloning a human being. The legislation further forbids people from knowingly using public funds or public facilities to clone a human being and prevents public employees from knowingly allowing human being cloning while making use of public funds or facilities.

Violations of the bill’s provisions would result in Class B felony charges.

Engler points to existing and promising research as a viable and sensible course of action to follow.

“Medical science has proven that there are a host of quality alternatives to using human embryos in the effort to seek disease cures,” Engler said. “And contrary to a well-circulated but

misguided assertion, human embryonic research has yet to produce a single documented cure and presents no identifiable ability to cure any disease at any point in the future.”

The life-affirming legislation Engler is co-sponsoring will soon be referred to committee before it moves to the Senate floor for debate by the full body.

“I’ll be working with my Senate and House colleagues to see this bill through to the governor’s desk,” Engler said. “At issue is how hard we as a society choose to fight to preserve the sanctity of human life – and I’m willing to fight as hard as I can.”

Senator Kevin Engler represents the people of Washington, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, Iron, Reynolds and Carter counties and a portion of Jefferson County in the Missouri Senate.