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## Sen. John Loudon Introduces Pro-Life Legislation in Special Session

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JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today introduced a bill reinforcing Missouri abortion law and protecting young women seeking abortions. Today is the first day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.

Senate Bill 1 makes civilly liable individuals who help transport minors across state lines to get abortions. The legislation reinforces current Missouri law requiring individuals under age 18 who are seeking abortions to show their doctors written permission from a parent or legal guardian before undergoing the procedure.

“This legislation will protect young women in Missouri by allowing their parents to take part in one of the most important decisions anyone can make,” Loudon said. “When other adults step in to bypass the consent of the parents, they are endangering these young women and should be liable for their actions.”

Senate Bill 1 also regulates abortion providers to ensure that individuals receiving abortions have the best possible care available to them. The measure requires physicians at abortion clinics to have privileges to provide obstetric and gynecological care at hospitals within 30 miles of the clinic.

“This provision guarantees that should any complications occur during an abortion, top-rate emergency personnel will be on hand,” Loudon said. “With this law, everyone involved in the procedure will be safer.”

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Similar legislation sponsored by Sen. Loudon passed both the House and Senate with large margins in the 2005 regular session. However, the measure ultimately failed to pass due to reasons unassociated with the bill.

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