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## **Senator Mayer's Abortion Legislation Passes Missouri Senate**

**Bill Contains New Informed Consent Requirements,**

Jefferson City – Professional counseling, printed materials that show the development of the child, and opportunities to see an ultrasound or hear the baby's heartbeat are provisions in a bill that is one step closer to strengthening abortion requirements in Missouri. [Senate Bill 793](#), sponsored by Sen. Rob Mayer (R-Dexter), received final passage by the Senate today.

“Throughout my career, I have had a strong pro-life record, and today was really a big leap forward in protecting the lives of the unborn,” said Sen. Mayer. “I truly believe that anyone who can hear the heartbeat of these children, or see the pain the child goes through, and is told about the many options they have, will ultimately choose life.”

In addition to the options presented to the mother, the act would require the woman to be told of the father's liability for child support, and the Alternatives to Abortion program. The bill also encapsulates legislation that bans coverage for abortion in any health care exchanges, such as those located in the federal health care legislation. If enacted, all of these options must be provided within 24 hours of the procedure.

“As long as abortion is legal under federal law, we must do everything we can in Missouri to get the truth in front of these mothers. It's not hopeless, and there is a better choice than ending that child's life. I appreciate that my fellow Senators recognized the importance of this legislation that I have been working to get through the Legislature for well over three years.”

The legislation now moves to the House for similar consideration.

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