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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RUPP.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to providing religious conscience protections for individuals and organizations.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 35, to read as follows:

Section 35. 1. That no law, regulation or rule shall compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, health care provider, or entity to provide coverage for any of the following medical services, if such medical services are contrary to the moral, ethical, or religious beliefs or tenets of such person, employer, health care provider, or entity:

7 **(1) Abortion;**

8 **(2) Contraceptives, including but not limited to all**
9 **contraceptives approved by the federal food and drug administration**
10 **and emergency contraceptives;**

11 **(3) Abortion-inducing drugs; and**

12 **(4) Sterilization procedures.**

13 **2. For purposes of this section, "to compel, directly or indirectly"**
14 **shall mean to authorize the imposition of a fine, penalty, or other**
15 **sanction, or to otherwise disadvantage any person, employer, health**

16 care provider, or entity on the basis of a moral, ethical, or religious
17 belief or tenet to not provide coverage for any of the medical services
18 listed under this section.

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