

HOUSE BILL No. 2579

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning unborn children; declaring that life begins at
2 conception.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The legislature hereby finds and declares the
6 following:

7 (1) The life of each human being begins at conception;

8 (2) unborn children have interests in life, health and well-being that
9 should be protected; and

10 (3) the natural parents of unborn children have protectable interests in
11 the life, health and well-being of the unborn children of such parents.

12 (b) On and after July 1, 2012, the laws of this state shall be
13 interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf of the unborn child at
14 every stage of development, all the rights, privileges and immunities
15 available to other persons, citizens and residents of this state, subject only
16 to the constitution of the United States, and decisional interpretations
17 thereof by the United States supreme court and specific provisions to the
18 contrary in the Kansas constitution and the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

19 (c) As used in this section, the terms "unborn children" or "unborn
20 child" shall include all unborn children or the offspring of human beings
21 from the moment of conception until birth at every stage of biological
22 development.

23 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a cause of
24 action against a woman for indirectly harming her unborn child by failing
25 to properly care for herself or by failing to follow any particular program
26 of prenatal care.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.

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