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H. R. 681

To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia (for himself, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. OLSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HARPER, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. PALMER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. PITTINGER, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LONG, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. YOHO, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. JONES, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. PETERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Life at Conception
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

5 To implement equal protection for the right to life
6 of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant
7 to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Con-
8 gress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary
9 and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of
10 the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
11 United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right
12 to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each
13 human being. However, nothing in this Act shall be con-
14 strued to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the
15 death of her unborn child.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 For purposes of this Act:

18 (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The
19 terms “human person” and “human being” include
20 each and every member of the species homo sapiens
21 at all stages of life, including the moment of fer-
22 tilization, cloning, or other moment at which an indi-
23 vidual member of the human species comes into
24 being.

25 (2) STATE.—The term “State” used in the
26 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the

1 United States and other applicable provisions of the
2 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the
3 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other terri-
4 tory or possession of the United States.

