

HB 174 -- ALTERNATIVES-TO-ABORTION AGENCIES

SPONSOR: Hubrecht

This bill requires the constitutions and laws of the United States and Missouri to be interpreted, construed, applied, and enforced to fully protect the rights of an alternatives-to-abortion agency and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers to freely assemble and freely engage in religious practices and speech without government interference.

Nothing in the bill must preclude or preempt a political subdivision from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use or to enforce a building or fire code regulation, provided that the political subdivision treats an alternatives-to-abortion agency in the same manner as a similarly situated agency.

The bill permits a court to order injunctive relief with specified damages for violations of the provisions of the bill and permits the Attorney General to bring a cause of action to defend the rights guaranteed under the provisions of bill.

This bill is the same as SB 41 (2017).