

SENATE BILL NO. 274

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 10, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN HUMAN LIFE IS A COMPELLING STATE INTEREST; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article II, section 10, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 10. Right of privacy. The right of individual privacy is essential to the well-being of a free society and shall not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest. The protection of unborn human life is a compelling state interest."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** This amendment is effective upon approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2004 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- FOR establishing the protection of unborn human life as a compelling state interest.
- AGAINST establishing the protection of unborn human life as a compelling state interest.

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