

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 9 to article 6 of title 18 as follows:

Part 9

Equal Protection of Every Living Child in Colorado

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Declaration of the People. The People of the State of Colorado find and declare that:

- 1) The will of the People of the State of Colorado shall uphold the United States Constitution including the Preamble of the United States Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution securing the blessings of life and liberty to our Posterity.
- 2) The state of Colorado exercises its Constitutional and God-given responsibility to ensure equal protection to all individuals within its jurisdiction.
- 3) It is unethical to kill innocent human beings. Children are fully human, alive, and growing from day one when a new living human being is created. The child's development is highly organized and complex, including a beating heart, detectable brainwaves, feeling pain, creating blood cells, unique blood type, fingerprints, and facial expressions before entering fetal development at ten weeks of life. If the preborn child is healthy enough, with normal nutrition, time, and protection, the child will continue to live through birth at forty weeks.
- 4) It is not necessary to intentionally cause the death of a child. Though not always successful, medical personnel shall make every attempt to save all lives. Children must not be dismembered, scalded, poisoned, or caused fatal harm through inhumane treatment.
- 5) A child's bodily autonomy does not diminish the bodily autonomy or protection of others. No one benefits from intentionally taking the life of a child. Children shall be allowed to continue living, protected, nourished, comforted, and welcomed into the world.
- 6) No human being is property of another human to dispose of at-will. No human being shall be denied equal protection as persons simply because they cannot defend themselves.
- 7) Every living child deserves to live his or her one life, without discrimination for age, developmental ability or disability, health, prognoses, sex, socio-economic background, origin, nationality, ethnicity, or birth status.
- 8) Resources and non-violent alternatives are available for all children and their parents to address individual needs without resorting to the violence of taking the life of a child.

18-6-901. EQUAL PROTECTION OF EVERY LIVING CHILD

EVERY LIVING HUMAN CHILD SHALL ENJOY EQUAL PROTECTIONS UNDER THE LAW FROM THE MOMENT HUMAN LIFE BIOLOGICALLY BEGINS AT CONCEPTION, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION FOR AGE, LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, OR WHETHER THE CHILD HAS BEEN BORN.

18-6-902. SELF-EXECUTING. SECTION 18-6-901 SHALL BE SELF-EXECUTING AND SUPERSEDE ANY CONFLICTING STATUTES, LEGISLATION, OR JUDGMENTS.

SECTION 2. Applicability. This act applies to living human children after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025, if approved by the vote of the people.