

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 163

Short Title: Enact Right to Life at Conception Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Boswell.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Judiciary I

February 23, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO LIFE AT CONCEPTION.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article  
5 to read:

6 "Article 1K.

7 "Right to Life at Conception Act.

8 **"§ 90-21.130. Short title.**

9 This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Right to Life at Conception Act.

10 **"§ 90-21.131. Definitions.**

11 As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

12 (1) State Constitution. – The North Carolina State Constitution.

13 (2) Human person or human being. – Includes each member of the species homo  
14 sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or  
15 any other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes  
16 into being.

17 **"§ 90-21.132. Right to life at conception.**

18 (a) In order to implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn  
19 human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the General Assembly under the  
20 Constitution, the General Assembly hereby declares that the right to life is vested in each human  
21 being.

22 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to do any of the following:

23 (1) Require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.

24 (2) Prohibit in vitro fertilization.

25 (3) Prohibit the use of birth control or another means of preventing human  
26 fertilization."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

