



# Judge's Ruling Puts Missouri Women in Danger of an Unregulated Abortion Industry

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Jackson County Judge Jerri J Zhang, eight weeks after she had ruled that Missouri's health and safety regulations protecting women who are having an abortion did not violate Amendment 3, reversed her position and ruled that Missouri's abortion health and safety regulations were now unconstitutional under Amendment 3.

## The health and safety standards removed through the court:

- That only doctors perform abortions **(GONE)**
- Follow all acceptable sterilization standards for surgery instruments and equipment **(GONE)**
- Abortion provider is to perform a sufficient examination of the patient to determine the unborn child's gestational age, identify preexisting medical or other complications and detect any factors which could influence the choice of the procedure, anesthesia or preoperative or postoperative management **(GONE)**
- That ultrasounds only be performed by doctors or licensed medical technicians **(GONE)**
- Have emergency trays equipped to treat seizures, bleedings, anaphylactic shock, respiratory arrest, and cardiac arrest **(GONE)**
- Have emergency drugs, oxygen, and intravenous fluid in a surgical procedure room along with a manual breathing bag and suction machine **(GONE)**
- Requirement that facilities for surgical abortion have adequate scrub up facilities, that the sterilizing room be equipped with a steam sterilizer and that there are sufficient surgical instruments sterilized and available for each patient who presents herself for an abortion **(GONE)**

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## On March 12, 2025:

Attorney General Andrew Bailey served a cease and desist order to Planned Parenthood to stop doing chemical abortions until a complication report has been filed with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Abortion drugs are dangerous and women have had many complications from these chemical abortions. Even the FDA has recognized this and issued a warning label about the dangers of taking these drugs.

Attorney General Andrew Bailey stated, "Planned Parenthood has a documented history of subverting state law, including failure to file complication reports. This cease and desist letter ensures that basic health and safety standards are met. Given Planned Parenthood's history, I will continue to ensure their compliance with state law."

In the history of Planned Parenthood, they had been shut down for a time when they were found, through inspections by the Department of Health and Senior Services, that they had rusty equipment, expired drugs and improper records on staffing.



Missouri Right to Life asks the Missouri House and Senate to pass legislation to put this issue back on the ballot so voters can respond to this extreme action by the court prompted by the lawsuit by abortion supporters that want no boundaries or regulations.

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