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To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOONEY (for himself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. McCLAIN, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. MASSIE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. OGLES, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Ms. VAN DUYNÉ, Mr. HUNT, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BOST, Mr. RESCENTIALER, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ROSE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. CARL, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BIGGS, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. ESTES, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SELF, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. MANN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURLISON, and Mr. BRECHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Life at Conception
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

7 To implement equal protection for the right to life
8 of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant
9 to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Con-
10 gress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary
11 and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of
12 the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
13 United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right
14 to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each
15 human being. However, nothing in this Act shall be con-
16 strued to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the
17 death of her unborn child.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For purposes of this Act:

20 (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The
21 terms “human person” and “human being” include
22 each and every member of the species homo sapiens
23 at all stages of life, including the moment of fer-
24 tilization, cloning, or other moment at which an indi-

1 vidual member of the human species comes into
2 being.

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” used in the
4 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
5 United States and other applicable provisions of the
6 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the
7 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other terri-
8 tory or possession of the United States.

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