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# S. 231

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 Act  
5       of 2017”.

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

1 to the duty and authority of Congress, including Congress’  
2 power under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of  
3 the United States to make necessary and proper laws, and  
4 Congress’ power under section 5 of the 14th Amendment  
5 to the Constitution, the Congress hereby declares that the  
6 right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in  
7 each human being. Nothing in this Act shall be construed  
8 to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of  
9 her unborn child, a prohibition on in vitro fertilization, or  
10 a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of  
11 preventing fertilization.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The  
15 terms “human person” and “human being” include  
16 each member of the species homo sapiens at all  
17 stages of life, including the moment of fertilization  
18 or cloning, or other moment at which an individual  
19 member of the human species comes into being.

20 (2) STATE.—For purposes of applying the 14th  
21 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
22 and other applicable provisions of the Constitution  
23 to carry out section 2, the term “State” includes the  
24 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto

- 1 Rico, and each other territory or possession of the
- 2 United States.

