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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2019

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

A BILL

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

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 2019”.

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.

