

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 9 to article 6 of title 18 as follows:

Part 9

Equal Protection of Every Living Child in Colorado

18-6-901. Declaration of the People.

The People of the State of Colorado find and declare that:

- 1) The will of the People of the State of Colorado shall uphold the United States Constitution including the Preamble of the United States Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution securing the blessings of life and liberty to our Posterity.
- 2) The state of Colorado exercises its Constitutional and God-given responsibility to provide a just law of equal protection to all individuals within its jurisdiction.
- 3) It is not necessary to intentionally cause the death of a child. Though not always successful, medical personnel shall make every attempt to save all lives. Children must not be dismembered, scalded, poisoned, or caused fatal harm through inhumane treatment.
- 4) A child's bodily autonomy does not diminish the bodily autonomy or protection of others. No one benefits from intentionally harming or taking the life of a child. Children shall be protected, nourished, comforted, and welcomed into the world.
- 5) No human being is property of another human to dispose of at-will. No human being shall be denied equal protection as persons simply because they cannot defend themselves.
- 6) Every living child deserves protection to live his or her one life to the fullest extent possible, without discrimination, regardless of age, developmental ability or disability, health, prognoses, sex/gender, socio-economic background, origin, nationality, or ethnicity.
- 7) Resources and non-violent alternatives are available to all children and their parents to address individual needs without resorting to violence.

18-6-902. Definition of a Child. "Living Child", "Child", or "Children" – Definition as used in this part 9: "Living Child," "Child", or "Children" refers to any living human being during any developmental stage at any time prior to, during, or after birth from the moment human life biologically begins when unique human DNA is weaved together into a new living and growing human being until the child reaches the minimum age of adulthood. "Living child" does not refer to a child no longer living through natural miscarriage.

18-6-903. Equal Protection of Every Living Child

- 1) **Lawful Protection.** Every living child shall be protected from abuse, harm, and intentional death, without discrimination, and to that end, their mothers, parents, or caregivers referred to non-violent resources, as needed.
- 2) **Penalties.** All legal protections of children from abuse, harm, and intentional death must be applied for all children, without discrimination, pursuant to 18-6-903 (1), and penalties for abusing, harming, or intentionally causing the death of a living child shall be applied in a court of law on a case-by-case basis through due process of law, including but not limited to, consideration of all fact, appointment of an attorney, if needed, and the opportunity to settle outside of court.

- 3) **Enforcement.** The attorney general of Colorado shall have concurrent jurisdiction with local law enforcement and district attorneys to investigate, arrest, and prosecute persons engaged in the unlawful conduct of abusing, harming, or causing the death of a living child pursuant to 18-6-903 (1) and 18-6-903 (2), and shall close facilities and dispensaries engaged in, or facilitating, the unlawful conduct created pursuant to 18-6-903 (1) and 18-6-903 (2). As with any illegal activity or child abuse, citizens may report any facility committing an illegal activity or child abuse to local law enforcement pursuant to 18-6-903 (1) and 18-6-903 (2).

18-6-904. Self-Executing. 18-6-901, 18-6-902, and 18-6-903 shall be self-executing and supersede any conflicting statutes, legislation, or judgements.

SECTION 2. Applicability. This act applies to offenses committed on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025, if approved by the vote of the people.