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# H. R. 641

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 from the moment of fertilization.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 1997

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HILL, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Right to Life Act of  
5 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

2 To implement equal protection for the right to life  
3 of each born and preborn human person from the moment  
4 of fertilization, and pursuant to the duty and authority  
5 of the Congress, including Congress' power under Article  
6 I, Section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Con-  
7 gress' power under section 5 of the 14th article of amend-  
8 ment to the Constitution of the United States, the Con-  
9 gress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by  
10 the Constitution is vested in each human being at fertiliza-  
11 tion.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF "STATE".**

13 For the purposes of this Act, the term "State" used  
14 in the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of  
15 the United States and other applicable provisions of the  
16 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the Com-  
17 monwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other territory or pos-  
18 session of the United States.

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