

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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MDCCW Board Meeting - 03.18.17

Wisconsin Catholic Conference – sponsoring Catholics at the Capital on Tuesday, March 27, 2017.

Guest Speaker: Colleen Stratton, Planting Seeds of Hope:

Finding Life After the Life: Learn how human trafficking is occurring throughout Wisconsin, examine the horrific realities of this modern-day slave trade, and discover how to aid victims of trafficking.

Newest update – March 2017: Push to legalize assisted suicide for terminally ill people in Wisconsin.

Democrats in the Wisconsin state Legislature want to legalize assisted suicide for terminally ill people in Wisconsin. Three lawmakers in March 2017 introduced a bill to allow someone suffering from a terminal illness to end their life if they have gotten approval from a doctor and meet other requirements. A similar proposal introduced last session failed to pass the Republican-controlled Legislature. State Rep. Sondy Pope, of Mount Horeb, says it is inhumane to force a person with a terminal illness to suffer needlessly. She says the bill will allow people to end their life "on their own terms." The lawmakers say their proposal is modeled after an Oregon law that's been in place since 1997.

The following are proposals under review in the Wisconsin Legislature:

Proposal: [SB81 \(-2178\)](#) [View Bill History](#)

relating to: prohibiting the group insurance board from contracting for or providing abortion services.

Proposal: [AB83 \(-1927\)](#) [View Bill History](#)

relating to: sale of and research on fetal body parts, final disposition of fetal body parts, cord blood banks, and providing a criminal penalty.

Proposal: [SJR11 \(-1443\)](#) [View Bill History](#)

Relating to: stating the legislature's declaration that abortion is health care.

- 2/15/2017: Read and referred to Committee on Senate Organization
- 2/15/2017: Available for scheduling

Proposal: [SB45 \(-1451\)](#) [View Bill History](#)

relating to: eliminating certain abortion prohibitions.