

# Senate File 233 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the determination of when life begins and  
2 acknowledging the rights, privileges, and immunities of an  
3 unborn child.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 598C.1 UNBORN CHILD == FINDINGS  
1 2 == RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES == NO CAUSE OF ACTION.  
1 3 1. The general assembly of this state finds all of the  
1 4 following:  
1 5 a. The life of each human being begins at conception.  
1 6 b. An unborn child has protectable interests in life,  
1 7 health, and well-being.  
1 8 c. The biological parent of an unborn child has  
1 9 protectable interests in the life, health, and well-being of  
1 10 the unborn child.  
1 11 2. The laws of this state shall be interpreted and  
1 12 construed to acknowledge on behalf of an unborn child at every  
1 13 stage of development, all the rights, privileges, and  
1 14 immunities available to other persons, citizens, and residents  
1 15 of this state.  
1 16 3. As used in this section, "unborn child" means the  
1 17 offspring of a human being from the moment of conception until  
1 18 birth at every stage of biological development.  
1 19 4. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to create  
1 20 a cause of action against a woman for indirectly harming the  
1 21 woman's unborn child by failing to properly care for herself  
1 22 or by failing to follow any particular program of prenatal  
1 23 care.

### EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill relates to the determination of when the life of  
1 25 a human being begins and the rights, privileges, and  
1 26 immunities ascribed to an unborn child and the interests of  
1 27 the unborn child's biological parents.  
1 28 The bill provides findings including that the life of each  
1 29 human being begins at conception; an unborn child has  
1 30 protectable interests in life, health, and well-being; and the  
1 31 biological parent of an unborn child has protectable interests  
1 32 in the life, health, and well-being of the unborn child.  
1 33 The bill provides that the laws of the state of Iowa are to  
1 34 be interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf of an  
2 1 unborn child all the rights, privileges, and immunities  
2 2 available to other persons, citizens, and residents of Iowa.  
2 3 Under the bill, "unborn child" means the offspring of a  
2 4 human being from the moment of conception until birth at every  
2 5 stage of biological development.  
2 6 The bill provides that the provisions of the bill are not  
2 7 to be interpreted to create a cause of action against a woman  
2 8 for indirectly harming the woman's unborn child by failing to  
2 9 properly care for herself or by failing to follow any  
2 10 particular program of prenatal care.  
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