



Suggested Bulletin Announcements: Passage of Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Act

Shorter Version:

Michigan Legislature Prohibits Taxpayer Funding of Abortion: Thanks to the success of parishes and pro-life voices throughout the state, the people of Michigan were able to bring a citizen-initiated petition before the Michigan Legislature that would prohibit taxpayer dollars from funding elective abortion coverage. On Wednesday, December 11, the Michigan Legislature approved the Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Act with a 27-11 vote in the Senate and a 62-47 vote in the House, which will now become law. Michigan Catholic Conference would like to extend a thank you to all the parishes and individuals who participated in the passage of this important measure. Your voice did make a difference!

Longer Version:

Michigan Legislature Prohibits Taxpayer Funding of Abortion: Over the summer, parishes and pro-life voices participated in collecting over 315,000 signatures to bring the Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Act before the Michigan Legislature. This citizen-initiated measure prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion coverage on the state health care exchange and requires private health plans offering abortion coverage to do so through an optional rider.

On Wednesday, December 11, the Michigan Legislature approved the Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Act with a 27-11 vote in the Senate and a 62-47 vote in the House. The measure will now become law, which could not have been done without the hard work of parishes and thousands of individuals across the state.

Michigan now becomes the 24th state to prohibit taxpayer funded abortion coverage from the state health care exchange and the 9th state to prohibit taxpayer funded abortion coverage in public and private insurance plans. Michigan Catholic Conference would like to extend a thank you to all the parishes and individuals that participated in the passage of this important measure! Your voice did make a difference!