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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL
To implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Life at Conception Act of 2017”

SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.

To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant
to the duty and authority of Congress, including Congress’

power under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of

the United States to make necessary and proper laws, and

Congress’ power under section 5 of the 14th Amendment
to the Constitution, the Congress hereby declares that the

duty right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in
each human being. Nothing in this Act shall be construed
to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of
her unborn child, a prohibition on in vitro fertilization, or

a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of

preventing fertilization.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The
terms “human person” and “human being” include
each member of the species homo sapiens at all
stages of life, including the moment of fertilization
or cloning, or other moment at which an individual
member of the human species comes into being.

(2) STATE.—For purposes of applying the 14th
Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
and other applicable provisions of the Constitution
to carry out section 2, the term “State” includes the

District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
Rico, and each other territory or possession of the United States.