

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2715

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 188, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to protests outside health care facilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 188, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 188.260, to read as follows:

3 **188.260. 1. A political subdivision is preempted from enacting, adopting,**
4 **maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar**
5 **measure that prohibits, restricts, limits, controls, directs, interferes with, or otherwise**
6 **adversely affects a person's right to protest or demonstrate outside a health care facility.**

7 **2. Nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt a political subdivision from**
8 **exercising its lawful authority to regulate traffic laws or to enact any other reasonable**
9 **restrictions in the interest of safety, provided that such political subdivision treats a protest**
10 **outside a health care facility the same as a protest outside a similar facility and that such**
11 **authority is not used to circumvent the intent of subsection 1 of this section.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.