

Bioethics Legislative Update

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Bioethics

The branch of ethics that investigates problems specifically arising from medical and biological practice. These include:

- problems of the nature and distribution of treatment
- the sphere of authority of the patient, the physician, and others
- the scope and limits of confidentiality
- the limits of acceptable intervention and experimentation (see abortion, euthanasia)
- and the propriety of genetic research and its applications.

February

- ✿ **Washington State Ballot Initiative for Legal Assisted Suicide**
- ✿ **South Dakota Abortion Ban Ballot Initiative**

March

- ✿ **Jack Kevorkian Congressional Bid**
- ✿ **Colorado Personhood Amendment
Ballot Initiative**
- ✿ **Ohio Governor Signs Ultrasound Bill**

April

- ✿ **Belgium Proposes Increased Euthanasia**
- ✿ **South Dakota Abortion Ban to be on November Ballot**
- ✿ **"Prevention First" Deception**
- ✿ **Ohio AG Office Defends RU-486 Bill**
- ✿ **Ohio Human Cloning Ban Proposed**

May


- ✿ **Swiss Grant Rights to Animals and Dignity to Plants**
- ✿ **U.S. Bill to Ban Human-Animal Hybrid Clones**
- ✿ **Genetic Nondiscrimination Act Signed**
- ✿ **Colorado Personhood Amendment to be on November Ballot**

June

- ✿ **Britain Proposes Cloning from Dead Humans**
- ✿ **Human Animal Hybrids Permitted in Britain**
- ✿ **U.S. Life at Conception Acts**
- ✿ **California Assembly Passes Different Assisted Suicide Bill**
- ✿ **Ohio Ultrasound Bill In Effect**
- ✿ **Ohio's Human Cloning Ban Conclusion**

July

- ✿ **Washington Physician-Assisted Suicide Initiative To Ballot**
- ✿ **South Dakota Recognizes Humanity of Unborn Child**
- ✿ **Delaware House Resolution for Disabled Woman**
- ✿ **Kevorkian Congressional Bid Certified**



August

- ✿ **Regulations Issued to Protect Pro-Life Doctors**


September

- ✿ **California Assisted Suicide Law to Go to Governor**



Victor in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

*I saw—with shut eyes, but acute mental vision—I saw the pale student of unhallowed arts kneeling beside the thing he had put together. I saw the hideous phantasm of a man stretched out, and then, on the working of some powerful engine, show signs of life and stir with an uneasy, half-vital motion. **Frightful must it be, for supremely frightful would be the effect of any human endeavor to mock the stupendous mechanism of the Creator of the world.***



Oppose with all your strength the deadly technologies of life destruction which daily result in the planned death of the innocent and the helpless.

Cardinal Terence Cook