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HOUSE BILL NO. 1639

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A BILL to extend the constitutionally guaranteed right to enjoyment of life to preborn human beings from the moment of fertilization.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Whereas, the Constitution of Virginia provides in Article 1, Section 1, that all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That life begins at the moment of fertilization and the right to enjoyment of life guaranteed by Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia is vested in each born and preborn human being from the moment of fertilization.*

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