

**311.822 Legislative findings -- Purposes of KRS 311.821 to 311.827.**

- (1) The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby finds that:
  - (a) The Commonwealth of Kentucky has a paramount interest in protecting all human life;
  - (b) If an attempted abortion results in the live birth of an infant, the infant is a legal person for all purposes under the laws of this Commonwealth;
  - (c) Irrespective of the status of court challenges to Kentucky statutes protecting unborn children from abortion, it is not an infringement on a woman's asserted right to terminate her pregnancy for this Commonwealth to affirm its interest in protecting an infant whose live birth occurred as the result of an attempted abortion; and
  - (d) Without proper legal protection, newly born infants who survive attempted abortions may be denied appropriate life-saving or life-sustaining medical care and treatment and may be left to die.
- (2) Based on the findings in subsection (1) of this section, the purposes of KRS 311.821 to 311.827 are to:
  - (a) Ensure the protection and promotion of the health and well-being of all infants born-alive in this Commonwealth; and
  - (b) Mandate that healthcare providers give medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all born-alive infants.

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