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Missouri Senate approves abortion ban

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's Republican-led Senate has passed a bill to ban abortions at eight weeks of pregnancy.**

**Senators approved the legislation 24-10 early Thursday with just hours left before lawmakers' Friday deadline to pass bills.**

**It needs at least another vote of approval in the GOP-led House before it can go to Republican Gov. Mike Parson, who supports it.**

**It includes exceptions for medical emergencies, but not for pregnancies caused by rape or incest.**

**Doctors would face five to 15 years in prison for violating the new ban.**

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