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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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