

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3126

By: Enns, Cox, Dank, Faught,  
McAffrey, McDaniel  
(Jeannie), Renegar,  
Rousselot, Sears and Steele  
of the House

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5 and

6 Crain of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to public health; creating the  
9 Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act;  
10 defining term; authorizing specific stem cell  
11 research; providing for specific requirements when  
12 performing research; prohibiting the restriction of  
13 funds for research performed in accordance with the  
14 Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act;  
15 requiring the State Department of Health to establish  
16 a reporting system; requiring certain report;  
17 providing for codification; and providing an  
18 effective date.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-270.1 of Title 63, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Advancement in  
Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-270.2 of Title 63, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1           A. For the purposes of the Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and  
2 Therapies Act, "human embryo" means a living organism of the species  
3 Homo sapiens at the earliest stage of development, including the  
4 single-cell stage, that is not located in the body of a woman.

5           B. Research on human tissue regeneration and human diseases  
6 using adult stem cells and stem cells obtained from umbilical cord  
7 blood and amniotic fluid may be conducted in this state, provided  
8 that the research is performed:

9           1. Safely and ethically;

10           2. Only on embryonic stem cell lines created prior to August 1,  
11 2001, and in accordance with federal law as it existed on November  
12 1, 2007; and

13           3. Without the use of a human embryo, including a human embryo  
14 produced using cloning technology.

15           C. When research is performed in accordance with the  
16 Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies Act, a person or  
17 governmental body shall not:

18           1. Restrict public funds designated for the stem cell research;  
19 or

20           2. Obstruct or provide disincentives for the stem cell  
21 research.

22           D. The State Department of Health shall establish a reporting  
23 system that collects information regarding all activities carried  
24 out in accordance with this section.

1 E. The Department shall submit a report with all information  
2 collected pursuant to subsection D of this section to the Governor,  
3 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate no later than December 31  
5 of each year.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

7 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of February,  
8 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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