

SENATE CHAMBER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION BY SENATE

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend House Bill No. 1888, Page16, Line 17 ½, as follows:

By inserting new Sections 12 through 17 to read as follows;

By renumbering subsequent section; and

By amending the title to conform.

Submitted by:

Senator Adelson

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1 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
2 as Section 1-727A of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

3 This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Destructive Human Embryo Research Act”.

4 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
5 as Section 1-727B of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma finds that:

- 1 1. Human embryos are human beings at the earliest stage of development;
- 2 2. Some human embryos are being created and then destroyed to obtain stem cells for
- 3 research;
- 4 3. Destructive human embryo research to obtain embryonic stem cells raises grave moral,
- 5 ethical, scientific, and medical issues that must be addressed;
- 6 4. The moral justification of medical or scientific research cannot be based upon the
- 7 dehumanizing and utilitarian premise that the end justifies any means; and
- 8 5. Medical research and treatment does not require the destruction of human life, because it
- 9 can be ethically pursued in other ways, including the use of adult stem cells.

10 B. Accordingly, it is the purpose of the Destructive Human Embryo Research Act to prohibit
11 destructive human embryo research.

12 SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
13 as Section 1-727C of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 For purposes of the Destructive Human Embryo Research Act:

- 15 1. “Human embryo” means a genetically complete living organism of the species homo
- 16 sapiens, from the single cell stage to eight (8) weeks development, that is not located in a woman’s
- 17 body;
- 18 2. “Gamete” means a human sperm or unfertilized human ovum; and
- 19 3. “Destructive research” means medical procedures, scientific or laboratory research, or other
- 20 kinds of investigation that kill or injure the subject of such research. It does not include:
 - 21 a. in vitro fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to a woman’s body, or
 - 22 b. any diagnostic procedure that may benefit the human embryo subject to such
 - 23 tests.

24 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
25 as Section 1-727D of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 It shall be unlawful for any person to:

2 1. Intentionally or knowingly conduct destructive research on a human embryo;

3 2. Buy, sell, receive, or otherwise transfer a human embryo with the knowledge that such
4 embryo shall be subjected to destructive research; or

5 3. Buy, sell, receive, or otherwise transfer gametes with the knowledge that a human embryo
6 will be produced from such gametes to be used in destructive research.

7 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
8 as Section 1-727E of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. Whoever violates paragraph 1 of Section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for
10 each violation.

11 B. Whoever violates paragraph 2 of Section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for
12 each violation.

13 C. Whoever violates paragraph 3 of Section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for
14 each violation.

15 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes
16 as Section 1-727F of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Legislature, by joint resolution, may appoint one or more of its members who sponsored
18 or cosponsored the Destructive Human Embryo Research Act, as a matter of right and in his or her
19 official capacity, to intervene to defend the Destructive Human Embryo Research Act in any case in
20 which its constitutionality is challenged.