

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1379

By: Fisher, Jordan and Bennett
of the House

and

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An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Protection of Human Life Act of 2015; defining terms; making certain actions with a human embryo unlawful; providing penalty; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-735.1 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 "Protection of Human Life Act of 2015".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-735.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1 1. "Human embryo" means a living organism of the species Homo
2 sapiens at the earliest stages of development, including the single-
3 celled stage, that is not located in the body of a female; and

4 2. "Nontherapeutic research" means research that is not
5 intended to help preserve the life and health of the particular
6 embryo subjected to risk. This term does not include in vitro
7 fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to the body of a
8 female, nor any diagnostic test which may assist in the future care
9 of a child subjected to the tests, nor the extraction of adult stem
10 cells.

11 B. No person shall:

12 1. Knowingly conduct nontherapeutic research that destroys a
13 human embryo or subjects a human embryo to substantial risk of
14 injury or death;

15 2. Transfer a human embryo with the knowledge that the embryo
16 will be subjected to nontherapeutic research; or

17 3. Use for research purposes cells or tissues that the person
18 knows were obtained by performing activities in violation of this
19 section.

20 C. Any person found violating the provisions of subsection B of
21 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
22 punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a term not to
23 exceed one (1) year.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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