

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1379

By: Fisher, Jordan, Bennett,
Moore and Ritze of the
House

7 and

8 Brecheen of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-735.1 of Title 63, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection of
22 Human Life Act of 2015".
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-735.2 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. As used in this section:

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

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

15 B. No person shall:

16 1. Knowingly conduct nontherapeutic research that destroys a
17 human embryo or subjects a human embryo to substantial risk of
18 injury or death;

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

21 3. Use for research purposes cells or tissues that the person
22 knows were obtained by performing activities in violation of this
23 section.
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1 C. Any person found violating the provisions of subsection B of
2 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
3 punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a term not to
4 exceed one (1) year.

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

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

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/26/2015 -
12 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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