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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting destructive human embryo research and
2 providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 707B.1 TITLE.

2 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Human
3 Embryo Research Act".

4 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 707B.2 DEFINITIONS.

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
6 requires:

7 1. "Destructive research" means medical procedures,
8 scientific or laboratory research, or other kinds of
9 investigation that destroy or injure the subject of the
10 research. "Destructive research" does not include in vitro
11 fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to a woman's
12 body or any diagnostic test that may assist in the future care
13 of the subject of the research.

14 2. "Gamete" means a human sperm or an unfertilized human
15 ovum.

16 3. "Human embryo" means a living organism of the species
17 homo sapiens from the single-celled stage to eight weeks'
18 development.

19 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 707B.3 DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH --
20 HUMAN EMBRYO -- PROHIBITIONS -- PENALTY.

21 1. A person shall not do any of the following:

22 a. Intentionally or knowingly conduct destructive research
23 on a human embryo.

24 b. Buy, sell, receive, or otherwise transfer a human
25 embryo with the knowledge that the embryo will be subjected to
26 destructive research.

27 c. Buy, sell, receive, or otherwise transfer gametes with
28 the knowledge that a human embryo will be produced from the
29 gametes for the purpose of using the human embryo for
30 destructive research.

31 2. A person who violates this section is guilty of an
32 aggravated misdemeanor.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to the prohibition of destructive human
35 embryo research. The bill defines terms used in the bill

1 including "destructive research", "gamete", and "human
2 embryo".

3 The bill prohibits a person from knowingly or
4 intentionally: conducting destructive research on a human
5 embryo; buying, selling, receiving, or otherwise transferring
6 a human embryo with the knowledge that the embryo will be
7 subjected to destructive research, or buying, selling,
8 receiving, or otherwise transferring gametes with the
9 knowledge that a human embryo will be produced from the
10 gametes for the purpose of using the human embryo for
11 destructive research. A person who violates these provisions
12 of the bill is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. An
13 aggravated misdemeanor carries with it a maximum penalty of
14 imprisonment not to exceed two years and a fine of at least
15 \$500 but not to exceed \$5,000.

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