

Senate Bill 565

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st,
Seay of the 34th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions of health, so as to provide that a human egg or human embryo is not
3 considered an unborn child, a minor child, or a person for any purpose under law; to provide
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions of health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-1-41.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'Human egg' means the female reproductive cell.

12 (2) 'Human embryo' means an individual fertilized ovum of the human species from the
13 single-cell stage to eight-week development.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any human egg or human
15 embryo that exists outside of a uterus of a human body shall not, under any circumstances,

16 be considered an unborn child, a minor child, a natural person, or any other term that
17 connotes a human being for any purpose under state law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective upon the Governor's approval or upon its becoming law
20 without such approval.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.