

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 1289

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 Section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the  
17 "Protection of Human Life Act of 2015".

18 SECTION 2. 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 A. As used in this section:

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

1           2. "Nontherapeutic research" means research that is not  
2 intended to help preserve the life and health of the particular  
3 embryo subjected to risk. This term does not include in vitro  
4 fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to the body of a  
5 female, or any diagnostic test which may assist in the future care  
6 of a child subjected to the tests.

7           B. No person shall:

8           1. Knowingly conduct nontherapeutic research that destroys a  
9 human embryo or subjects a human embryo to substantial risk of  
10 injury or death;

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

13           3. Use for research purposes cells or tissues that the person  
14 knows were obtained by performing activities in violation of this  
15 section.

16           C. Any person found violating the provisions of subsection B of  
17 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony  
18 punishable by incarceration in the custody of the Department of  
19 Corrections for a term of not less than one (1) year nor more than  
20 life and a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$100,000.00).

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

23           SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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