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H. R. 6313

To amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize knowingly preventing the implantation of certain human embryos, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Certainty
5 for Progenitors Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF LIVING HUMAN EMBRYOS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 90A of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 1842. Protection of living human embryos**

2 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever, in or affecting interstate
3 or foreign commerce, having physical custody of a living
4 human embryo, refuses to release the embryo for implan-
5 tation in a willing implantee at the request of one of the
6 progenitors of that embryo shall be fined under this title
7 or imprisoned not more than 3 months, or both.

8 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR PROGENITOR.—A progenitor of
9 the embryo that is not implanted may not be prosecuted
10 under this section.

11 “(c) PROGENITOR.—The term ‘progenitor’ means
12 any individual who provides an egg or a sperm cell from
13 which the embryo is created.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of chapter 90A of title 18, United States
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 1842. Protection of living human embryos.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
19 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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