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1 Human cloning prohibited. Adds § 145.4221

Subd. 1. Citation. Titles this act the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act."

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines "human cloning" and "somatic cell."

Subd. 3. Prohibition on cloning. States that it is unlawful to knowingly (1) perform or attempt to perform human cloning; (2) participate in attempting to perform human cloning; (3) ship or receive an embryo, or product thereof, produced or derived by human cloning; and (4) ship or receive certain biological organisms or cells for the purpose of human cloning.

Subd. 4. Importation. States that it is unlawful to knowingly import an embryo produced by human cloning.

Subd. 5. Scientific research. Provides that this section does not restrict research that is not specifically prohibited by this section, including research in the use of nuclear transfer of other cloning techniques for purposes other than to produce human embryos.

Subd. 6. Penalties. (a) Makes it a felony to knowingly or recklessly violate the prohibitions provided in subdivision 3.

(b) Provides that a person or entity that violates any provision of this section and derives a pecuniary gain must be fined a blank amount, twice the amount of the gain or any amount determined by the court.

Subd. 7. Severability. Provides a severability clause stating that any part of this section found to be unconstitutional is severable and the remainder of the section shall remain effective regardless of any unconstitutional provision.