

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for
human embryonic stem cell research.

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 “Stem Cell Research
5 Enhancement Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH.**

2 Part H of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 289 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
4 tion 498C the following:

5 **“SEC. 498D. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
7 vision of law (including any regulation or guidance), the
8 Secretary shall conduct and support research that utilizes
9 human embryonic stem cells in accordance with this sec-
10 tion (regardless of the date on which the stem cells were
11 derived from a human embryo) .

12 “(b) ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS.—Human embryonic
13 stem cells shall be eligible for use in any research con-
14 ducted or supported by the Secretary if the cells meet each
15 of the following:

16 “(1) The stem cells were derived from human
17 embryos that have been donated from in vitro fer-
18 tilization clinics, were created for the purposes of
19 fertility treatment, and were in excess of the clinical
20 need of the individuals seeking such treatment.

21 “(2) Prior to the consideration of embryo dona-
22 tion and through consultation with the individuals
23 seeking fertility treatment, it was determined that
24 the embryos would never be implanted in a woman
25 and would otherwise be discarded.

1 research to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation,
2 production, or testing of stem cells that, like embryonic
3 stem cells, are capable of producing all or almost all of
4 the cell types of the developing body and may result in
5 improved understanding of or treatments for diseases and
6 other adverse health conditions, but are not derived from
7 a human embryo.

8 “(b) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary, after
10 consultation with the Director, shall issue final guidelines
11 to implement subsection (a), that—

12 “(1) provide guidance concerning the next steps
13 required for additional research, which shall include
14 a determination of the extent to which specific tech-
15 niques may require additional basic or animal re-
16 search to ensure that any research involving human
17 cells using these techniques would clearly be con-
18 sistent with the standards established under this sec-
19 tion;

20 “(2) prioritize research with the greatest poten-
21 tial for near-term clinical benefit; and

22 “(3) consistent with subsection (a), take into
23 account techniques outlined by the President’s Coun-
24 cil on Bioethics and any other appropriate tech-
25 niques and research.

1 “(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
2 January 1 of each year, the Secretary shall prepare and
3 submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a
4 report describing the activities carried out under this sec-
5 tion during the fiscal year, including a description of the
6 research conducted under this section.

7 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion shall be construed to affect any policy, guideline, or
9 regulation regarding embryonic stem cell research, human
10 cloning by somatic cell nuclear transfer, or any other re-
11 search not specifically authorized by this section.

12 “(e) DEFINITION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
14 ‘human embryo’ shall have the meaning given such
15 term in the applicable appropriations Act.

16 “(2) APPLICABLE ACT.—For purposes of para-
17 graph (1), the term ‘applicable appropriations Act’
18 means, with respect to the fiscal year in which re-
19 search is to be conducted or supported under this
20 section, the Act making appropriations for the De-
21 partment of Health and Human Services for such
22 fiscal year, except that if the Act for such fiscal year
23 does not contain the term referred to in paragraph
24 (1), the Act for the previous fiscal year shall be
25 deemed to be the applicable appropriations Act.

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
3 essary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2010, to carry
4 out this section.”.

Passed the Senate April 11, 2007.

Attest:

Secretary.

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