

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 647**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 2685, 2690, 2691, and 2692 (MCL 333.2685,  
333.2690, 333.2691, and 333.2692) and by adding sections 2693 and  
2696.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2685. (1) ~~A~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION**  
2 **(3) AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 2693, A** person shall not use a live  
3 human embryo, fetus, or neonate for nontherapeutic research if, in  
4 the best judgment of the person conducting the research, based upon  
5 the available knowledge or information at the approximate time of  
6 the research, the research substantially jeopardizes the life or  
7 health of the embryo, fetus, or neonate. Nontherapeutic research  
8 shall not in any case be performed on an embryo or fetus known by



1 the person conducting the research to be the subject of a planned  
2 abortion being performed for any purpose other than to protect the  
3 life of the mother.

4 (2) For purposes of subsection (1) the embryo or fetus shall  
5 be conclusively presumed not to be the subject of a planned  
6 abortion if the mother signed a written statement at the time of  
7 the research, that she was not planning an abortion.

8 (3) PURSUANT TO SECTION 27 OF ARTICLE I OF THE STATE  
9 CONSTITUTION OF 1963, A PERSON SHALL NOT CONDUCT RESEARCH THAT  
10 SUBSTANTIALLY JEOPARDIZES THE LIFE OR HEALTH OF A HUMAN EMBRYO  
11 UNLESS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

12 (A) THE RESEARCH IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND  
13 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW.

14 (B) THE HUMAN EMBRYO WAS CREATED FOR IN VITRO FERTILIZATION  
15 PURPOSES.

16 (C) THE HUMAN EMBRYO WAS IN EXCESS OF THE CLINICAL NEED OF OR  
17 WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR IMPLANTATION IN THE INDIVIDUAL SEEKING THE IN  
18 VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES AND WOULD OTHERWISE BE DISCARDED.

19 (D) THE HUMAN EMBRYO WAS DONATED FOR RESEARCH WITH THE  
20 VOLUNTARY AND WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT BY THE INDIVIDUAL SEEKING  
21 THE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES AND THE PERSON DOES EITHER OF  
22 THE FOLLOWING:

23 (i) OBTAINS A COPY OF THE WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT GIVEN UNDER  
24 SECTION 2694 FROM THE PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY THAT  
25 PROVIDED THE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES.

26 (ii) OBTAINS WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT THAT MEETS THE  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2694 FROM THE INDIVIDUAL WHO OBTAINED THE



1 IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES AND IS DONATING THE HUMAN EMBRYO  
2 FOR RESEARCH.

3 (E) THE HUMAN EMBRYO HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO DEVELOP MORE THAN  
4 14 DAYS AFTER CELL DIVISION BEGINS, NOT INCLUDING ANY TIME DURING  
5 WHICH THE EMBRYO WAS FROZEN.

6 (F) THE RESEARCH INVOLVES THE EXTRACTION OR UTILIZATION OF  
7 EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS FROM THE HUMAN EMBRYO.

8 Sec. 2690. (1) A person shall not knowingly ~~sell, transfer,~~  
9 distribute, or ~~give away~~ DONATE an embryo, fetus, or neonate for a  
10 use ~~which~~ THAT is in violation of sections 2685 to 2689.

11 (2) A PERSON SHALL NOT, FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, PURCHASE  
12 OR SELL, OFFER TO PURCHASE OR SELL, OR ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR SELL  
13 A HUMAN EMBRYO OR OOCYTE FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH OR STEM CELL  
14 THERAPIES AND CURES AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 27 OF ARTICLE I OF THE  
15 STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963, OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

16 Sec. 2691. A person who violates sections 2685 to 2690 OR  
17 SECTION 2693 is guilty of a felony ~~—~~ punishable by imprisonment for  
18 not more than 5 years OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00, OR  
19 BOTH.

20 Sec. 2692. As used in sections 2685 to 2691, ~~"nontherapeutic~~  
21 2696:

22 (A) "CREATED FOR IN VITRO FERTILIZATION PURPOSES" MEANS  
23 CREATED FOR IMPLANTATION AND GESTATION IN A WOMAN'S UTERUS BY  
24 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 (i) IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.

26 (ii) THE INTENTIONAL DIVISION OF A HUMAN EMBRYO CREATED BY IN  
27 VITRO FERTILIZATION.



1 (B) "HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN  
2 SECTION 20106.

3 (C) "HUMAN EMBRYO" MEANS AN ORGANISM CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF  
4 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENTS OF THE SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS CAPABLE OF  
5 DIFFERENTIATION AND MATURATION, REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OF  
6 CREATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FERTILIZATION AND SOMATIC  
7 CELL NUCLEAR TRANSFER, BEGINNING FROM THE SINGLE CELL STAGE THROUGH  
8 THE SEVENTH WEEK OF DEVELOPMENT.

9 (D) "NONTHERAPEUTIC research" means scientific or laboratory  
10 research, or other kind of experimentation or investigation not  
11 designed to improve the health of the research subject.

12 (E) "NOT SUITABLE FOR IMPLANTATION" MEANS THE HUMAN EMBRYO  
13 EXHIBITS GENETIC OR PHYSIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT, IN THE BEST  
14 JUDGMENT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE  
15 POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLANTATION, GESTATION, OR HEALTHY  
16 DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMBRYO. NOT SUITABLE FOR IMPLANTATION DOES NOT  
17 INCLUDE IDENTIFIED GENETIC CHARACTERISTICS THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE  
18 HEALTH OF THE HUMAN EMBRYO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GENDER  
19 OR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

20 (F) "PHYSICIAN" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER PART 170 OR  
21 PART 175, OR AN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING AN ACT, TASK, OR FUNCTION  
22 UNDER THE DELEGATORY AUTHORITY OF THAT PHYSICIAN.

23 (G) "UNIQUE IDENTIFIER" MEANS A NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFIER  
24 ASSIGNED BY PROTOCOLS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

25 (H) "VALUABLE CONSIDERATION" MEANS THE PAYMENT OR PROVISION OF  
26 ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CASH, GIFTS,  
27 REDUCED OR WAIVED FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED, MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR



1 PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES OR ACCOMMODATIONS. VALUABLE CONSIDERATION DOES  
2 NOT INCLUDE MEDICAL TREATMENT OR SERVICES PROVIDED AT NO COST AS  
3 PART OF A CLINICAL TRIAL OR EXPERIMENTAL THERAPY RELATED TO THE  
4 TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY WHERE THE TRIAL OR EXPERIMENT IS NOT  
5 CONDUCTED BY A PERSON DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AUTHORIZED  
6 UNDER SECTION 2685.

7 SEC. 2693. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT CREATE OR ATTEMPT TO CREATE  
8 A HUMAN EMBRYO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING NONTHERAPEUTIC  
9 RESEARCH UPON THAT EMBRYO.

10 (2) A PERSON SHALL NOT CREATE OR ATTEMPT TO CREATE A HUMAN-  
11 ANIMAL CHIMERIC EMBRYO CONSISTING OF BIOLOGICAL COMPONENTS FROM THE  
12 SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS AND 1 OR MORE OTHER SPECIES WHERE THE EMBRYO  
13 IS CAPABLE OF DIFFERENTIATING AND MATURING IN A MANNER  
14 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE EMBRYONIC MATURATION PROCESS OF EITHER  
15 A HUMAN EMBRYO OR OF AN EMBRYO OF ANY OF THE OTHER SPECIES  
16 CONSTITUTING THE CHIMERIC EMBRYO.

17 SEC. 2696. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS  
18 SUBSECTION, A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN  
19 EMBRYOS AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 2685 SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT A  
20 REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) ON FORMS PRESCRIBED  
21 AND PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER  
22 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND AT THE TIME AND IN THE MANNER  
23 PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. IF THE PERSON IS REQUIRED TO FILE A  
24 REPORT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR GUIDELINE APPLICABLE  
25 TO RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS, WHICH REPORT CONTAINS ALL OF  
26 THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (2) AND  
27 (3), THE PERSON MAY FILE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL LAW,



1 RULE, REGULATION, OR GUIDELINE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

2 (2) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS  
3 SHALL COLLECT AND REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1):

5 (A) NAME OF THE COMPANY, CORPORATION, ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, OR  
6 OTHER PERSON MANAGING OR OVERSEEING THE RESEARCH.

7 (B) NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE OR HEALTH  
8 FACILITY OR AGENCY WHERE EMBRYOS WERE DONATED AND THE NUMBER OF  
9 EMBRYOS ACQUIRED FROM EACH OFFICE OR FACILITY OR AGENCY.

10 (C) NUMBER OF EMBRYOS THAWED FOR USE IN RESEARCH.

11 (D) NUMBER OF EMBRYOS DISCARDED WITHOUT BEING UTILIZED FOR  
12 RESEARCH.

13 (E) NUMBER OF EMBRYOS HELD IN STORAGE AT THE BEGINNING AND  
14 ENDING OF THE REPORTING YEAR.

15 (3) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS  
16 SHALL REPORT ITS RESEARCH, OVERSIGHT, AND REVIEW POLICIES AND  
17 PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED. THE PERSON THAT  
18 FILES A REPORT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CERTIFY THAT ITS  
19 RESEARCH, OVERSIGHT, AND REVIEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH REGARD  
20 TO THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW,  
21 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO THAT RESEARCH. A  
22 VIOLATION OF A FEDERAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR GUIDELINE  
23 APPLICABLE TO RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS IS A VIOLATION OF  
24 THIS SECTION.

25 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (A) DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE IN PRINT AND ELECTRONIC FORMAT  
27 A FORM FOR PERSONS TO UTILIZE IN FILING THE REPORT REQUIRED IN



1 SUBSECTION (1).

2 (B) MAKE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY IN AGGREGATE A STATISTICAL REPORT  
3 SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN EACH INDIVIDUAL REPORT  
4 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT IDENTIFY THE  
5 PERSON WHO CONDUCTS RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS TO WHOM ANY  
6 SPECIFIC INFORMATION APPLIES.

7 (C) DESTROY EACH REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION AND EACH COPY  
8 OF THE REPORT AFTER RETAINING THE REPORT FOR 5 YEARS AFTER THE DATE  
9 THE REPORT IS RECEIVED.

10 (D) ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT WILL ISSUE TO EACH PERSON  
11 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) A UNIQUE  
12 IDENTIFIER UNDER WHICH THE PERSON IS TO SUBMIT THE REPORT.

13 (5) A PERSON SUBMITTING A REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL  
14 NOT INCLUDE THE NAME, COMMON IDENTIFIERS SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY  
15 NUMBER OR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE NUMBER, OR OTHER  
16 INFORMATION OR IDENTIFIERS THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY  
17 IN ANY MANNER OR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS  
18 OBTAINED IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY  
19 DONATED HUMAN EMBRYOS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. A STATE AGENCY SHALL  
20 NOT COMPARE DATA IN AN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER INFORMATION SYSTEM FILE  
21 WITH DATA IN ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC OR OTHER INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT  
22 WOULD RESULT IN IDENTIFYING IN ANY MANNER OR UNDER ANY  
23 CIRCUMSTANCES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DONATED HUMAN EMBRYOS FOR RESEARCH.  
24 A PERSON SHALL NOT MAINTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION THAT MAY REVEAL  
25 THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS DONATED HUMAN EMBRYOS FOR  
26 RESEARCH.

27 (6) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A PERSON



1 SHALL NOT DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT AN  
2 INDIVIDUAL WHO OBTAINS IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SERVICES. THE REPORTS  
3 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE STATISTICAL REPORTS TO BE USED ONLY  
4 FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH PURPOSES AND SHALL NOT BE INCORPORATED INTO  
5 THE PERMANENT OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE SYSTEM OF VITAL STATISTICS.  
6 EXCEPT FOR THE STATISTICAL REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (4)(B),  
7 INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A PERSON WHO CONDUCTS  
8 RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS UNDER THIS SECTION IS  
9 CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF  
10 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246,  
11 EXCEPT THAT DISCLOSURE OF THAT INFORMATION MAY BE MADE IN ANY OF  
12 THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

13 (A) WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS  
14 RESEARCH USING LIVE HUMAN EMBRYOS.

15 (B) PURSUANT TO A COURT PROCEEDING.

16 (C) THE DISCLOSURE IS MADE TO AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE  
17 DEPARTMENT.

18 (D) THE DISCLOSURE IS MADE TO AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A STATE  
19 OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SEE OR REVIEW THE  
20 INFORMATION.

21 (7) A PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION BY DISCLOSING  
22 CONFIDENTIAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OR BY VIOLATING A FEDERAL LAW,  
23 RULE, REGULATION, OR GUIDELINE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY  
24 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN  
25 \$5,000.00, OR BOTH. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION BY FAILING  
26 TO FILE A REQUIRED REPORT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A STATE CIVIL  
27 INFRACTION AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF NOT LESS THAN



1 **\$5,000.00 PER VIOLATION.**

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
3 unless Senate Bill No. 649 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into  
4 law.

