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H. R. 2505

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KERNS, and Mr. KUCINICH) 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 “Human Cloning Prohi-
5 bition Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HUMAN CLONING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting after chapter 15, the following:

1 **“CHAPTER 16—HUMAN CLONING**

“Sec.

“301. Definitions.

“302. Prohibition on human cloning.

2 **“§ 301. Definitions**

3 “In this chapter:

4 “(1) HUMAN CLONING.—The term ‘human
5 cloning’ means human asexual reproduction, accom-
6 plished by introducing nuclear material from one or
7 more human somatic cells into a fertilized or
8 unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has been
9 removed or inactivated so as to produce a living or-
10 ganism (at any stage of development) that is geneti-
11 cally virtually identical to an existing or previously
12 existing human organism.

13 “(2) ASEXUAL REPRODUCTION.—The term
14 ‘asexual reproduction’ means reproduction not initi-
15 ated by the union of oocyte and sperm.

16 “(3) SOMATIC CELL.—The term ‘somatic cell’
17 means a diploid cell (having a complete set of chro-
18 mosomes) obtained or derived from a living or de-
19 ceased human body at any stage of development.

20 **“§ 302. Prohibition on human cloning**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
22 son or entity, public or private, in or affecting interstate
23 commerce, knowingly—

1 “(1) to perform or attempt to perform human
2 cloning;

3 “(2) to participate in an attempt to perform
4 human cloning; or

5 “(3) to ship or receive for any purpose an em-
6 bryo produced by human cloning or any product de-
7 rived from such embryo.

8 “(b) IMPORTATION.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
9 son or entity, public or private, knowingly to import for
10 any purpose an embryo produced by human cloning, or
11 any product derived from such embryo.

12 “(c) PENALTIES.—

13 “(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person or enti-
14 ty who violates this section shall be fined under this
15 section or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or
16 both.

17 “(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any person or entity
18 that violates any provision of this section shall be
19 subject to, in the case of a violation that involves the
20 derivation of a pecuniary gain, a civil penalty of not
21 less than \$1,000,000 and not more than an amount
22 equal to the amount of the gross gain multiplied by
23 2, if that amount is greater than \$1,000,000.

24 “(d) SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion restricts areas of scientific research not specifically

1 prohibited by this section, including research in the use
2 of nuclear transfer or other cloning techniques to produce
3 molecules, DNA, cells other than human embryos, tissues,
4 organs, plants, or animals other than humans.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
6 for part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
7 inserting after the item relating to chapter 15 the fol-
8 lowing:

“16. Human Cloning 301”.

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