

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 977

To amend title 35, United States Code, to prohibit the patenting of human genetic material.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Mr. BECERRA (for himself and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Genomic Research and  
5 Accessibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PATENT OF HUMAN GENETIC MA-**  
7 **TERIAL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 10 of title 35, United  
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 106. Prohibition on patent of human genetic mate-**  
2 **rial**

3 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no pat-  
4 ent may be obtained for a nucleotide sequence, or its func-  
5 tions or correlations, or the naturally occurring products  
6 it specifies.”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of sections of  
8 chapter 10 of title 35, United States Code, is amended  
9 by adding at the end the following:

“106. Prohibition on patent of human genetic material.”.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
11 section (a) shall not apply to a patent issued before the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

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