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H. R. 2376

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human stem cell research, including human embryonic stem cell research, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. DENT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Stem Cell Research
5 Advancement Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) On March 9, 2009, President Barack
9 Obama issued Executive Order 13505, entitled “Re-

1 moving Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research
2 Involving Human Stem Cells”.

3 (2) On July 7, 2009, the National Institutes of
4 Health issued guidelines on human stem cell re-
5 search.

6 (3) The scientific field of stem cell research is
7 continually advancing.

8 **SEC. 3. HUMAN STEM CELL RESEARCH.**

9 Part H of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 289 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
11 tion 498D the following:

12 **“SEC. 498E. HUMAN STEM CELL RESEARCH.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
14 vision of law, the Secretary shall conduct and support re-
15 search that utilizes human stem cells, including human
16 embryonic stem cells.

17 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—Human embryonic stem cells eli-
18 gible for use in research under subsection (a) shall include
19 stem cells that meet each of the following:

20 “(1) The stem cells were derived from human
21 embryos that have been donated from in vitro fer-
22 tilization clinics, were created for the purposes of re-
23 productive treatment, and were in excess of the clin-
24 ical need of the individuals seeking such treatment.

1 “(2) It was determined through consultation
2 with the individuals seeking reproductive treatment
3 that the embryos to be donated would never be im-
4 planted in a woman and would otherwise be dis-
5 carded.

6 “(3) The individuals seeking reproductive treat-
7 ment donated the embryos with written informed
8 consent and without receiving any financial or other
9 inducements to make the donation.

10 **“SEC. 498F. GUIDELINES.**

11 “The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of
12 NIH, shall—

13 “(1) maintain guidelines applicable to the con-
14 duct or support of human stem cell research by the
15 Department of Health and Human Services;

16 “(2) review such guidelines not less than every
17 3 years; and

18 “(3) update such guidelines as scientifically
19 warranted.

20 **“SEC. 498G. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUNDING FOR HUMAN**
21 **CLONING.**

22 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary shall not use any
23 funds for the conduct or support of human cloning.

1 “(b) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary shall update the
2 guidelines maintained under section 498F for consistency
3 with subsection (a).

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘human
5 cloning’ means the implantation of the product of trans-
6 ferring the nuclear material of a human somatic cell into
7 an egg cell from which the nuclear material has been re-
8 moved or rendered inert into a uterus or the functional
9 equivalent of a uterus.”.

10 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

11 Section 403(a)(5) of the Public Health Service Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 283(a)(5)) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (L) as (M);

14 and

15 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (K) the fol-

16 lowing:

17 “(L) Human stem cells.”.

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