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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LEE, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Protecting Life and
5 Integrity in Research Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN FETAL TISSUE**
2 **OBTAINED PURSUANT TO AN INDUCED ABOR-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal department,
6 agency, or office may conduct, fund, approve, or oth-
7 erwise support any research involving human fetal
8 tissue that is obtained pursuant to an induced abor-
9 tion.

10 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF NEW, ETHICAL CELL
11 LINES.—Subsection (a) does not limit the authority
12 of the head of any Federal department, agency, or
13 office, to develop or support the development of new,
14 high-efficiency cell lines, including for the production
15 of vaccines and genetic vectors, so long as the cell
16 lines are not derived from human fetal tissue that is
17 obtained pursuant to an induced abortion.

18 (3) RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN FETAL TIS-
19 SUE OBTAINED AFTER A MISCARRIAGE OR STILL-
20 BIRTH PERMITTED.—Any research of any Federal
21 department, agency, or office on human fetal tissue
22 obtained after a miscarriage or stillbirth shall be
23 conducted or supported in accordance with section
24 498A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
25 289g–1).

1 (4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 2 “human fetal tissue” has the meaning given such
 3 term in section 498A(g) of the Public Health Service
 4 Act (42 U.S.C. 289g–1(g)).

5 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE PHSA LIMITING HUMAN
 6 FETAL TISSUE RESEARCH TO TISSUE OBTAINED AFTER
 7 A MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH.—Section 498A of the
 8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g–1) is amend-
 9 ed—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**TRANS-**
 11 **PLANTATION OF FETAL TISSUE**” and inserting
 12 “**HUMAN FETAL TISSUE OBTAINED AFTER A**
 13 **MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH**”;

14 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
 15 lows:

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 17 may conduct or support research on human fetal tissue
 18 obtained after a miscarriage or a stillbirth.”;

19 (3) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “if
 21 the human fetal tissue is intended for trans-
 22 plantation,” before “the donation”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2)—

24 (i) by striking subparagraph (A); and

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
 2 (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and
 3 (B), respectively;

4 (4) in subsection (c)(1)(B), by striking “pursu-
 5 ant to a spontaneous or induced abortion or pursu-
 6 ant to” and inserting “after a miscarriage or”; and

7 (5) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
 8 lows:

9 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) HUMAN FETAL TISSUE.—The term
 11 ‘human fetal tissue’ means tissue or cells obtained
 12 from a dead unborn child pursuant to an induced
 13 abortion, a miscarriage, or a stillbirth.

14 “(2) MISCARRIAGE.—The term ‘miscarriage’
 15 means the involuntary death of an unborn child who
 16 was carried in the womb for a period of less than
 17 20 weeks.

18 “(3) STILLBIRTH.—The term ‘stillbirth’ means
 19 the involuntary death of an unborn child who was
 20 carried in the womb for a period of 20 weeks or
 21 more.

22 “(4) UNBORN CHILD.—The term ‘unborn
 23 child’ has the meaning given such term in section
 24 1841(d) of title 18, United States Code.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 113 of the Na-
 2 tional Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (42
 3 U.S.C. 289g–1 note) is repealed.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST SOLICITATION OR KNOWING**
 5 **ACQUISITION, RECEIPT, OR ACCEPTANCE OF**
 6 **A DONATION OF HUMAN FETAL TISSUE**
 7 **KNOWING THAT THE TISSUE WAS OBTAINED**
 8 **PURSUANT TO AN INDUCED ABORTION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 498B(c)
 10 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g–2(c))
 11 is amended to read as follows:

12 “(1) solicit or knowingly acquire, receive, or ac-
 13 cept a donation (excluding any transfer for purposes
 14 of autopsy or burial) of human fetal tissue knowing
 15 that—

16 “(A) a human pregnancy was deliberately
 17 initiated to provide such tissue; or

18 “(B) the tissue was obtained pursuant to
 19 an induced abortion; or”.

20 (b) CONFORMING CHANGES.—Section 498B of the
 21 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g–2) is amend-
 22 ed—

23 (1) by striking subsection (b);

24 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)
 25 as subsections (b) through (d), respectively; and

1 (3) in subsection (c), as redesignated—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(a), (b),
3 or (c)” and inserting “(a) or (b)”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or
5 (b)(3)”.
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