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H. R. 3729

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain research on human fetal tissue obtained pursuant to an abortion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2015

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. DUFFY) 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 “Safe Responsible Eth-
5 ical Scientific Endeavors Assuring Research for Compas-
6 sionate Healthcare Act” or the “Safe RESEARCH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING CERTAIN RESEARCH ON HUMAN**
2 **FETAL TISSUE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO AN**
3 **ABORTION.**

4 Section 498A of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 289g–1) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “RE-
7 SEARCH ON TRANSPLANTATION OF FETAL TISSUE”
8 and inserting “RESEARCH WITH FETAL TISSUE”;

9 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct
13 or support research with human fetal tissue. The
14 Secretary shall conduct or support any such research
15 in accordance with this section.

16 “(2) SOURCE OF TISSUE.—Human fetal tissue
17 may be used in research carried out under para-
18 graph (1) only if the tissue is obtained pursuant to
19 a stillbirth.”;

20 (3) in subsection (b)(2)—

21 (A) by striking subparagraph (A); and

22 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
23 and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
24 tively;

25 (4) in subsection (c)(1)(B), by striking “may
26 have been obtained pursuant to a spontaneous or in-

1 duced abortion or pursuant to a stillbirth” and in-
2 serting “has been obtained pursuant to a stillbirth”;
3 and
4 (5) in subsection (g), by striking “after a spon-
5 taneous or induced abortion, or”.

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