

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5269

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2016

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia 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 “Protection for Progeny
5 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF LIVING HUMAN EMBRYOS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 90A of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1842. Protection of living human embryos**

6 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever, in or affecting interstate
7 or foreign commerce, knowingly destroys a living human
8 embryo that was created through the process of in vitro
9 fertilization and that was destroyed without the written
10 consent of each progenitor of such embryo shall be fined
11 under this title, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or
12 both.

13 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR PROGENITOR.—A progenitor of
14 the embryo that is destroyed may not be prosecuted under
15 this section.

16 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR IMPLANTATION.—A person
17 may not be prosecuted under this section if the destruction
18 of the embryo occurred during or after an attempt to im-
19 plant such embryo.

20 “(d) PROGENITOR.—The term ‘progenitor’ means
21 any individual who provides an egg or a sperm cell from
22 which an embryo is created.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of chapter 90A of title 18, United States
25 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 1842. Protection of living human embryos.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect

3 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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