

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1608

To amend title 18 of the United States Code to prohibit human cloning.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2001

Mr. EHLERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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human cloning.

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 “Human Cloning Prohi-  
5       bition Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

8               (1) Genetic science, including cloning tech-  
9       nology and stem cell research, holds great promise  
10       for medical breakthroughs, including cures and  
11       treatments for diseases.

1           (2) Scientists should be encouraged to use  
2           cloning technologies with plants and animals in  
3           order to discover agricultural benefits for mankind.

4           (3) Scientists should continue to pursue re-  
5           search that uses cloning technologies to clone tis-  
6           sues, molecules, cells, and DNA.

7           (4) However, while the possibilities of scientific  
8           experimentation normally are beneficial and limit-  
9           less, there are times when society—through the gov-  
10          ernmental process—can and should place limits on  
11          scientific experimentation. Such is the case with  
12          human cloning.

13          (5) Human cloning raises serious moral, ethical,  
14          societal, and safety concerns that necessitate a legis-  
15          lative ban.

16 **SEC. 3. HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITED.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 89 of title 18, United  
18          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
19          lowing new section:

20 **“§ 1822. Human cloning**

21          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, in or affecting inter-  
22          state or foreign commerce, knowingly replaces the nucleus  
23          of an oocyte with the nucleus of a human somatic cell shall  
24          be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 2  
25          years, or both.

1       “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply if,  
2 prior to replacement of the nucleus of the oocyte, the nu-  
3 cleus of the human somatic cell has been modified so that  
4 the cell cannot develop to completion.

5       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6           “(1) the term ‘somatic cell’ means any cell  
7 other than a sperm or oocyte; and

8           “(2) the term ‘oocyte’ means an egg cell.”.

9       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
10 at the beginning of chapter 89 of title 18, United States  
11 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
12 item:

“§ 1822. Human cloning”.

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