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S. 2754

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) 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 “Alternative Pluripotent
5 Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 It is the purpose of this Act to—

8 (1) intensify research that may result in im-
9 proved understanding of or treatments for diseases
10 and other adverse health conditions; and

1 “(1) provide guidance concerning the next steps
2 required for additional research, which shall include
3 a determination of the extent to which specific tech-
4 niques may require additional basic or animal re-
5 search to ensure that any research involving human
6 cells using these techniques would clearly be con-
7 sistent with the standards established under this sec-
8 tion;

9 “(2) prioritize research with the greatest poten-
10 tial for near-term clinical benefit; and

11 “(3) consistent with subsection (a), take into
12 account techniques outlined by the President’s Coun-
13 cil on Bioethics and any other appropriate tech-
14 niques and research.

15 “(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
16 January 1 of each year, the Secretary shall prepare and
17 submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a
18 report describing the activities carried out under this sec-
19 tion during the fiscal year, including a description of the
20 research conducted under this section.

21 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion shall be construed to affect any policy, guideline, or
23 regulation regarding embryonic stem cell research, human
24 cloning by somatic cell nuclear transfer, or any other re-
25 search not specifically authorized by this section.

1 “(e) DEFINITION.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
3 ‘human embryo’ shall have the meaning given such
4 term in the applicable appropriations Act.

5 “(2) APPLICABLE ACT.—For purposes of para-
6 graph (1), the term ‘applicable appropriations Act’
7 means, with respect to the fiscal year in which re-
8 search is to be conducted or supported under this
9 section, the Act making appropriations for the De-
10 partment of Health and Human Services for such
11 fiscal year, except that if the Act for such fiscal year
12 does not contain the term referred to in paragraph
13 (1), the Act for the previous fiscal year shall be
14 deemed to be the applicable appropriations Act.

15 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
17 essary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009, to carry
18 out this section.”.

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