

Chapter 331

H.B. No. 785

AN ACT

relating to the provision of embryo donation information.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 159, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 159.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 159.011. INFORMATION ABOUT EMBRYO DONATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Assisted reproduction" has the meaning assigned by Section 160.102, Family Code.

(2) "Embryo donation" means the act of transferring to another person a human embryo for implantation in any person who is not a genetic parent of the human embryo or the spouse of a genetic parent of the human embryo.

(3) "Human embryo" means a genetically complete living organism of the species Homo sapiens, from the single-cell fertilized egg to the blastocyst stage.

(b) A physician who performs on a patient an assisted reproduction procedure that involves the creation of a human embryo shall inform the patient of the option of embryo donation for unused human embryos.

SECTION 2. Chapter 162, Family Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. EMBRYO DONATION INFORMATION

Sec. 162.701. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

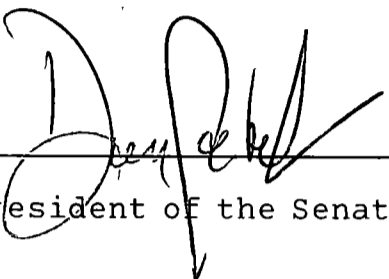
1 (1) "Department" means the Department of Family and
2 Protective Services.

3 (2) "Embryo donation" has the meaning assigned by
4 Section 159.011, Occupations Code.

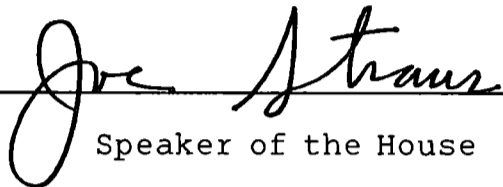
5 Sec. 162.702. INFORMATION REGARDING EMBRYO DONATION. The
6 department shall post information regarding embryo donation on the
7 department's Internet website. The information must include
8 contact information for nonprofit organizations that facilitate
9 embryo donation.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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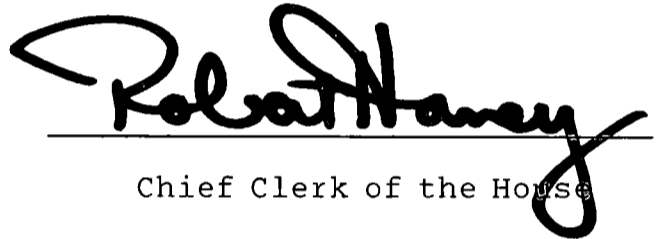


President of the Senate



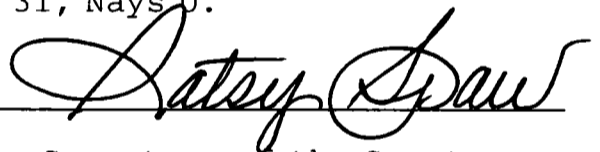
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 785 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 785 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



Secretary of the Senate


APPROVED: 5-31-2017

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Governor

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Secretary of State

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 10, 2017

TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB785 by Raney (Relating to the provision of embryo donation information.), As
Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Occupation Code and the Family Code relating to the provision of embryo donation information. Based on information provided by the Department of Family and Protective Resources and the Texas Medical Board, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 503 Texas Medical Board, 530 Family and Protective Services,
Department of

LBB Staff: UP, KCA, EP, JLi, EK

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 7, 2017

TO: Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB785 by Raney (Relating to the provision of embryo donation information.), As
Introduced

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