

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

### **S 0771 General Bill, By Leventis, Drummond, Jackson, Ford, Hutto and Mescher**

#### **Summary:** Biotechnology Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 46 TO TITLE 44 ENACTING THE "BIOTECHNOLOGY ACT OF 2006" SO AS TO AUTHORIZE STEM CELL RESEARCH IN THIS STATE, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM AN INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD TO CONDUCT SUCH RESEARCH, TO PROHIBIT PURCHASING OR SELLING PREIMPLANTATION EMBRYOS FOR HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND TO PROHIBIT HUMAN CLONING AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO LICENSE INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTING STEM CELL RESEARCH, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE REVIEW AND REGULATION OF SUCH RESEARCH, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF AN INSTITUTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT SUCH RESEARCH OR RELATED ACTIVITIES IF IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE EMPLOYEE'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT FOR DISPOSITION OF PREIMPLANTATION EMBRYOS FOR PATIENTS BEING TREATED FOR INFERTILITY, AND TO REQUIRE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ON UMBILICAL AND PLACENTA DONATIONS.

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