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H.B. No. 785

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.