

1-1 By: Raney, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 785
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the provision of embryo donation information.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 159, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-22 adding Section 159.011 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 159.011. INFORMATION ABOUT EMBRYO DONATION. (a) In
 1-24 this section:

1-25 (1) "Assisted reproduction" has the meaning assigned
 1-26 by Section 160.102, Family Code.

1-27 (2) "Embryo donation" means the act of transferring to
 1-28 another person a human embryo for implantation in any person who is
 1-29 not a genetic parent of the human embryo or the spouse of a genetic
 1-30 parent of the human embryo.

1-31 (3) "Human embryo" means a genetically complete living
 1-32 organism of the species Homo sapiens, from the single-cell
 1-33 fertilized egg to the blastocyst stage.

1-34 (b) A physician who performs on a patient an assisted
 1-35 reproduction procedure that involves the creation of a human embryo
 1-36 shall inform the patient of the option of embryo donation for unused
 1-37 human embryos.

1-38 SECTION 2. Chapter 162, Family Code, is amended by adding
 1-39 Subchapter H to read as follows:

1-40 SUBCHAPTER H. EMBRYO DONATION INFORMATION

1-41 Sec. 162.701. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-42 (1) "Department" means the Department of Family and
 1-43 Protective Services.

1-44 (2) "Embryo donation" has the meaning assigned by
 1-45 Section 159.011, Occupations Code.

1-46 Sec. 162.702. INFORMATION REGARDING EMBRYO DONATION. The
 1-47 department shall post information regarding embryo donation on the
 1-48 department's Internet website. The information must include
 1-49 contact information for nonprofit organizations that facilitate
 1-50 embryo donation.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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