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A.C.A. § 20-16-1001 (2003)

§ 20-16-1001. Definitions

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Asexual reproduction" means reproduction not initiated by the union of oocyte and sperm;

(2) "Embryo" means an organism of the species homo sapiens from the single cell stage to eight (8) weeks of development;

(3) "Fetus" means an organism of the species homo sapiens from eight (8) weeks of development until complete expulsion or extraction from a woman's body or removal from an artificial womb or other similar environment designed to nurture the development of the organism;

(4) "Human cloning" means human asexual reproduction, accomplished by introducing the genetic material from one (1) or more human somatic cells into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has been removed or inactivated so as to produce a living organism, at any stage of development, that is genetically virtually identical to an existing or previously existing human organism;

(5) "Oocyte" means the human female germ cell, the egg; and

(6) "Somatic cell" means a diploid cell, having a complete cell of chromosomes, obtained or derived from a living or deceased human body at any stage of development.

HISTORY: Acts 2003, No. 607, § 1.

NOTES APPLICABLE TO ENTIRE CHAPTER

A.C.R.C. NOTES. References to "this chapter" in subchapters 1–7 and 9, and §§ 20–16–801 through 20–16–809 may not apply to § 20–16–810 which was enacted subsequently.

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A.C.A. § 20-16-1002 (2003)

§ 20-16-1002. Prohibited acts - Penalties

(a) It is unlawful for any person or entity, public or private, to intentionally or knowingly:

(1) Perform or attempt to perform human cloning;

(2) Participate in an attempt to perform human cloning;

(3) Ship, transfer, or receive for any purpose an embryo produced by human cloning; or

(4) Ship, transfer, or receive, in whole or in part, any oocyte, embryo, fetus, or human somatic cell for the purpose of human cloning.

(b) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) or (2) of this section, or both, is a Class C felony.

(c) A violation of subdivision (a)(3) or (4) of this section, or both, is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) (1) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be levied, any person or entity that violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$ 250,000) or twice the amount of any pecuniary gain that is received by the person or entity, whichever is greater.

(2) All fines collected shall be placed into the general revenues of the State of Arkansas.

HISTORY: Acts 2003, No. 607, § 1.

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A.C.A. § 20-16-1003 (2003)

§ 20-16-1003. Scientific research

(a) This subchapter does not restrict areas of scientific research not specifically prohibited by this subchapter, including research into the use of nuclear transfer or other cloning techniques to produce molecules, deoxyribonucleic acid, cells other than human embryos, tissues, organs, plants, or animals other than humans.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to in vitro fertilization, the administration of fertility-enhancing drugs, or other medical procedures used to assist a woman in becoming or remaining pregnant so long as that procedure is not specifically intended to result in the gestation or birth of a child who is genetically identical to another conceptus, embryo, fetus, or human being, living or dead.

HISTORY: Acts 2003, No. 607, § 1.

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A.C.A. § 20-16-1004 (2003)

§ 20-16-1004. No right of action

This subchapter does not create a private right of action.

HISTORY: Acts 2003, No. 607, § 1.

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