

HOUSE No. 2132

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
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Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REPROGRAMMED HUMAN SKIN CELLS FOR EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section _____. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of
2 the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 2, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting
3 in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

4 Section _____. Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of
5 the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 1, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting
6 in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

7 Section _____. Subsection (b) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of
8 the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 8, by striking out the words, “Nothing in”.

9 Section _____. Subsection (c) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of
10 the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in lines 15-16, by striking out the words, “or from donating their
11 gametes for research.”

12 Section _____. Section 10 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005,
13 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f) in its entirety.

14 Section _____. Subsection (a) I of section 12J of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as most recently
15 amended by section 2 of chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by striking out the
16 following paragraph:-

17 For the purposes of this section, "fetus" shall include a neonate and an embryo, but shall exclude a pre-
18 implantation embryo or parthenote as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L and obtained in accordance
19 with said chapter 111L.

20 Section _____. Said section 12J of said chapter 112, as so most recently amended, is hereby further
21 amended by striking out after the word "neonate", in line 38, the following words:- , but shall exclude a
22 pre-implantation embryo or parthenote as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L and obtained in accordance
23 with said chapter 111L.

24 Section _____. Section 12K of said chapter 112, as most recently amended by section 8 of chapter 27 of the
25 acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 15, the words "implantation of the embryo
26 in the uterus" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- fertilization.

27 Section _____. Section 7 of chapter 113 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 9 of
28 chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the definition of "Part," the
29 following words:--"but a gamete, as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L, shall be donated in accordance
30 with said chapter 111L."

31 Section _____. Said section 27 of the acts of 2005 is hereby amended by striking out section 12 in its
32 entirety.