



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 769

February 5, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives MEYER, KREUSER, PLOUFF, HUEBSCH, MUSSER, MORRIS-TATUM, LA FAVE, LADWIG, GREEN, HAHN, PORTER, HASENOHRL, ROBSON, WALKER, RILEY, L. YOUNG, OTTE, HARSDORF, HUBER and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators WELCH and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Health.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.347 of the statutes; **relating to:** banning human cloning
2 and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any person from cloning a human being or from selling or purchasing an ovum, zygote, embryo or fetus for the purpose of cloning a human being. Cloning a human being is defined in the bill as creating or attempting to create a genetic duplicate of an individual by transferring the nucleus from any cell of that individual into a human egg cell, the nucleus of which has been removed and using that human egg cell to initiate a pregnancy that could result in the birth of a human being.

Under the bill, any individual who clones a human being or who sells or purchases an ovum, zygote, embryo or fetus for the purpose of cloning a human being is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25,000 nor more than the greater of \$250,000 or double any monetary gain that the individual derived from the prohibited act. If the person violating the prohibition is not an individual (for example, a clinic or other institution), the penalty is a forfeiture of not less than \$100,000 nor more than the greater of \$1,000,000 or double any monetary gain that the person derived from the prohibited act.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

