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A bill to prohibit the cloning of humans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tom P introduced the following bill.

A Bill

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of*
2 *America in Congress assembled,*

3 Section 1. Short Title.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act."

5 Section 2. Definitions.

6 1. In this Act the term human cloning means:

7 A. The use of somatic cell nuclear transfer or any other cloning technique for
8 the purpose of initiating or attempting to initiate a human pregnancy.

9 B. The implantation of a conceptus, blastocyst, or embryo created through
10 somatic cell nuclear transfer into a mammalian uterus.

11 C. The creation of genetically identical siblings by dividing a conceptus,
12 blastocyst, or embryo for the purpose of initiating or attempting to initiate
13 a human pregnancy.

- 1 2. Egg. The term "egg" means a mature female germ cell of any species.
- 2 3. Oocyte. The term "oocyte" means an immature female germ cell of any
- 3 species.
- 4 4. Person. The term "person" includes any individual, partnership, firm, joint
- 5 stock company, corporation, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity.
- 6 5. Somatic cell. The term "somatic cell" means any diploid cell of the human
- 7 organism, including a cell of a conceptus, embryo, fetus, child, or adult, not
- 8 existing as a haploid germ cell.
- 9 6. Somatic cell nuclear transfer. The term "somatic cell nuclear transfer" means
- 10 transferring the nucleus of a human somatic cell into an oocyte or egg from
- 11 which the nucleus has been removed or rendered inert.

12 Section 3. Prohibitions on Human Cloning.

- 13 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in a human cloning procedure.
- 14 2. No federal funds may be obligated or expended to conduct or support any
- 15 research the purpose of which is to engage in a human cloning procedure.

16 Section 4. Enforcement.

- 17 1. Civil Penalties. Any person found to be in violation of section 3 shall be
- 18 subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000,000 for each such
- 19 violation.
- 20 2. Ineligibility for Federal Funds. Any person found to be in violation of section
- 21 3 shall not be eligible to receive any Federal funding for any research for a
- 22 period of 15 years after such violation.

1 3. Criminal Penalty. Any person who is convicted of violating any provision of
2 section 3 shall be sentenced up to 10 years in prison.

3 Section 5. Enactment Date.

4 1. This law shall take effect on January 1, 2002.

