

April 18, 2007

**H 1837. STEM CELL RESEARCH HEALTH & WELLNESS ACT.** Filed 4/18/07. *TO ENACT THE STEM CELL RESEARCH HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT TO PERMIT STEM CELL RESEARCH UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND FOR ALLOCATION AS STEM CELL RESEARCH GRANTS.*

Effective July 1, 2007, appropriates \$10 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Health and Wellness Trust Fund as title indicates; limits grants to \$1 million per grant recipient. Enacts new Part 4A of GS Chapter 130A, Article 16, to authorize stem cell research only if (1) the stem cells were created for the purposes of fertility treatment, were derived from human embryos, and have been donated as excess from in vitro fertilization clinics; (2) prior to the consideration of embryo donation and through consultation with the individuals seeking fertility treatment, it was determined that the embryos would never be implanted in a woman; and (3) the individuals seeking fertility treatment donated the embryos with written informed consent and without receiving any financial or other inducements to make the donation. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidelines within 60 days after the act becomes law and to submit an annual report to the General Assembly, the House of Representative Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services describing the activities carried out under the act during the preceding fiscal year.

**Intro. by Jones, Gulley.**

GS 130A

July 26, 2007

**H 1837. STEM CELL RESEARCH HEALTH & WELLNESS ACT.** Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the appropriation. Authorizes the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission to use available funds to create a committee to establish guidelines for grants to nonprofits conducting stem cell research in NC. Prohibits approving any grants until the General Assembly approves the guidelines. Conforms the effective date and the title.

July 27, 2007

**H 1837. STEM CELL RESEARCH HEALTH & WELLNESS ACT.** Filed 4/18/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Modifies proposed GS 130A-413.1 to clarify that the provisions governing the use of embryonic stem cells for research apply to *state-funded* research.