

HOUSE BILL NO. 5558

November 10, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Albert, Kahle, Allor, Griffin, Eisen, Green, Steven Johnson, Borton, Martin, Fink, Markkanen, Slagh, Rendon, Bollin, Carra, Paquette, Meerman, Wozniak, Damoose, Hornberger and Brann and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2688, 2690, and 2836 (MCL 333.2688, 333.2690, and 333.2836), section 2690 as amended by 2016 PA 386 and section 2836 as added by 2012 PA 499.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2688. (1) Research ~~may~~**shall** not knowingly be performed
2 ~~upon~~**on** a dead embryo, fetus, or neonate unless the consent of the
3 mother has first been obtained. Consent ~~shall not be~~**is not**

1 required ~~in the case of~~ **for** a routine pathological study.

2 (2) For purposes of this section, consent ~~shall be~~ **is**
3 conclusively presumed to have been granted by a written statement,
4 signed by the mother that she consents to the use of her dead
5 embryo, fetus, or neonate for research.

6 (3) Written consent ~~shall constitute~~ **constitutes** lawful
7 authorization for the transfer of the dead embryo, fetus, or
8 neonate to **a** medical research ~~facilities.~~ **facility.**

9 (4) Research being performed ~~upon~~ **on** a dead embryo, fetus, or
10 neonate ~~shall~~ **must** be conducted in accordance with the same
11 standards applicable to research conducted ~~pursuant to~~ **under** part
12 101.

13 (5) **Research shall not knowingly be performed on an organ,**
14 **tissue, or cell taken from a dead embryo, fetus, or neonate**
15 **obtained from an abortion. As used in this subsection, "abortion"**
16 **means that term as defined in section 2803.**

17 Sec. 2690. (1) A person shall not knowingly sell, collect any
18 fee for, transfer, distribute, or give away an embryo, fetus, or
19 neonate for a use that ~~is in violation of~~ **violates** sections 2685 to
20 2689.

21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), a
22 physician, or a person associated with the physician, who, as a
23 result of the physician's performing an elective abortion,
24 possesses a dead embryo, fetus, or neonate shall not knowingly
25 financially benefit from or receive any type of compensation for
26 either of the following:

27 (a) Allowing a person that was not involved in the performance
28 of the elective abortion to have access to the embryo, fetus, or
29 neonate for the purpose of the person taking possession and control

1 of the embryo, fetus, or neonate, including the organs, tissues, or
2 cells of the embryo, fetus, or neonate.

3 (b) Transferring possession and control of the embryo, fetus,
4 or neonate, including the organs, tissues, or cells of the embryo,
5 fetus, or neonate, to a person that was not involved in the
6 performance of the elective abortion.

7 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to any of the following:

8 (a) A hospital.

9 (b) A person that is performing an activity as part of that
10 person's employment with a hospital or a contract with a hospital.

11 (c) A person that performs an activity under section ~~2688~~ or
12 2836.

13 (4) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Elective abortion" means the intentional use of an
15 instrument, drug, or other substance or device to terminate a
16 woman's pregnancy for a purpose other than to increase the
17 probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the
18 child after live birth, or to remove a fetus that has died as a
19 result of natural causes, accidental trauma, or a criminal assault
20 on the pregnant woman. Elective abortion does not include any of
21 the following:

22 (i) The use or prescription of a drug or device intended as a
23 contraceptive.

24 (ii) The intentional use of an instrument, drug, or other
25 substance or device by a physician to terminate a woman's pregnancy
26 if the woman's physical condition, in the physician's reasonable
27 medical judgment, necessitates the termination of the woman's
28 pregnancy to avert her death.

29 (iii) Treatment on a pregnant woman who is experiencing a

1 miscarriage or has been diagnosed with an ectopic pregnancy.

2 (b) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under article 17.

3 (c) "Person associated with the physician" means any of the
4 following:

5 (i) An employee of the physician or other individual who
6 assists the physician in performing an elective abortion.

7 (ii) A private physician practice, professional corporation, or
8 freestanding surgical outpatient facility licensed under article
9 17, that is owned or operated by the physician and in which an
10 elective abortion is performed.

11 (iii) A private physician practice, professional corporation, or
12 freestanding surgical outpatient facility licensed under article
13 17, that employs or contracts with the physician to perform an
14 elective abortion.

15 Sec. 2836. (1) All fetal remains resulting from abortions
16 ~~shall~~**must** be disposed of by interment or cremation as those terms
17 are defined in section 2 of the cemetery regulation act, 1968 PA
18 251, MCL 456.522, or by incineration by a person other than a
19 cemetery registered under the cemetery regulation act, 1968 PA 251,
20 MCL 456.521 to 456.543. ~~Unless the mother has provided written
21 consent for research on the fetal remains under section 2688, a~~**A**
22 physician who performs an abortion shall arrange for the final
23 disposition of the fetal remains resulting from the abortion.
24 Disposal of fetal remains resulting from an abortion may occur
25 without the supervision of a funeral director.

26 (2) This section does not require a physician to discuss the
27 final disposition of the fetal remains with the mother before
28 performing the abortion, ~~nor does it require a physician to~~**or**
29 obtain authorization from the mother for the final disposition of

1 the fetal remains upon completion of the abortion.

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

3 after the date it is enacted into law.