

Introduced by Senator Ortiz

February 19, 2003

An act to add Section 125118 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to medical research.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 322, as introduced, Ortiz. Stem cell research proposals.

Existing law states the policy of the state that research involving the derivation and use of human embryonic stem cells, human embryonic germ cells, and human adult stem cells from any source, including somatic cell nuclear transplantation, shall be permitted and that full consideration of the ethical and medical implications of this research be given, and that research involving the derivation and use of these cells shall be reviewed by an approved institutional review board.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish the Stem Cell Institutional Review Board, to be comprised of members selected by the department, to review and approve proposals for stem cell research projects.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 125118 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:
- 3 125118. (a) There is hereby established in the State
- 4 Department of Health Services the Stem Cell Institutional Review
- 5 Board.

- 1 (b) The membership of the board shall be comprised of
- 2 members selected by the department.
- 3 (c) The purpose of the board is to review and approve proposals
- 4 for stem cell research projects.

