

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2040

**Introduced by Assembly Member Shelley
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bock, Keeley, Kuehl,
Longville, and Mazzoni)**

February 18, 2000

An act to add Section 7615 to the Family Code, relating to parent and child.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2040, as introduced, Shelley. Parent and child: assistive reproductive technologies.

Existing law, the Uniform Parentage Act, defines the parent and child relationship as the legal relationship existing between a child and the child's natural or adoptive parents incident to which the law confers or imposes rights, privileges, duties, and obligations, as specified.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation authorizing the courts to confer legal parental status to persons who use assistive reproductive technologies to bear a child.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 7615 is added to the Family
2 Code, to read:

1 7615. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation that will add provisions to this part authorizing
3 the courts to afford legal parental status to persons who
4 use assistive reproductive technologies to bear a child.

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