



**House
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**PROHIBIT RESEARCH USING
ILLEGALLY OBTAINED EMBRYO/
FETUS/NEONATE CELLS/TISSUES**

House Bill 4507

**Sponsor: Rep. Jacob Hoogendyk
Committee: Health Policy**

Complete to 5-9-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4507 AS INTRODUCED 4-1-03

Under the Public Health Code (MCL 333.2685), a person may not use a live human embryo, fetus, or neonate for nontherapeutic research if the person conducting the research judges, based on the available knowledge, that the research will substantially jeopardize the life or health of the embryo, fetus, or neonate. The code also prohibits a person from performing nontherapeutic research on an embryo or fetus that she or he knows to be the subject of a planned abortion, unless the abortion is being performed to protect the life of the mother. A violation of either of these prohibitions is a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to five years.

House Bill 4507 would amend the Public Health Code to prohibit a person from knowingly using for research purposes any cells or tissues that were obtained in violation of the code's current prohibitions on the use of live human embryos, fetuses, and neonates for nontherapeutic research. A violation of this prohibition would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to five years.

MCL 333.2685a

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