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# HOUSE . . . . . No. 611

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Poirier***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Elizabeth A. Poirier* | *14th Bristol* |
| *George T. Ross* | *2nd Bristol* |

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and George T. Ross relative to the use of human skin cells in certain scientific research. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2132* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Section ___. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 2, by striking out the words, "embryonic stem" and inserting in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

Section ___. Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 1, by striking out the words, "embryonic stem" and inserting in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

Section ___. Subsection (b) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in line 8, by striking out the words, "Nothing in".

Section ___. Subsection (c) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended, in lines 15-16, by striking out the words, "or from donating their gametes for research."

Section ___. Section 10 of chapter 111L of the General Laws, as added by chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f) in its entirety.

15 Section ___. Subsection (a) I of section 12J of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as most
16 recently amended by section 2 of chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by
17 striking out the following paragraph:-

18 For the purposes of this section, "fetus" shall include a neonate and an embryo, but shall
19 exclude a pre-implantation embryo or parthenote as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L and
20 obtained in accordance with said chapter 111L.

21 Section ___. Said section 12J of said chapter 112, as so most recently amended, is hereby
22 further amended by striking out after the word "neonate", in line 38, the following words:- , but
23 shall exclude a pre-implantation embryo or parthenote as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L
24 and obtained in accordance with said chapter 111L.

25 Section ___. Section 12K of said chapter 112, as most recently amended by section 8 of
26 chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 15, the words
27 "implantation of the embryo in the uterus" and inserting in place thereof the following word:-
28 fertilization.

29 Section ___. Section 7 of chapter 113 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
30 section 9 of chapter 27 of the acts of 2005, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the
31 definition of "Part," the following words:--“but a gamete, as defined in section 2 of chapter
32 111L, shall be donated in accordance with said chapter 111L.”

33 Section ___. Said section 27 of the acts of 2005 is hereby amended by striking out section
34 12 in its entirety.