

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2037**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2037) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the use of human skin cells in certain scientific research. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2055 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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:*

1            Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended, in line 2, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following word:-- skin.

4            Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby  
5 amended, in line 1, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting in place thereof  
6 the following word:-- skin.

7            Subsection (b) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby  
8 amended, in line 8, by striking out the words, “Nothing in”.

9            Subsection (c) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby  
10 amended, in lines 15-16, by striking out the words, “or from donating their gametes to another  
11 person or from donating their gametes for research.”

12            Section 10 of chapter 111L of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out  
13 subsection (f) in its entirety.

14            Subsection (a) (i) of section 12J of chapter 112 of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby  
15 further amended by striking out the following paragraph:-

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

19            Section 12K of said chapter 112 of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby further amended by  
20 striking out, in line 15, the words "implantation of the embryo in the uterus" and inserting in  
21 place thereof the following word:- fertilization.

22            Section 7 of chapter 113 of the 2012 General Laws, is hereby further amended by striking  
23 out, in the definition of "Part" or "Parts", the following words:--“but a gamete, as defined in  
24 section 2 of chapter 111L, shall be donated in accordance with said chapter 111L.”