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Introduced by Sens. MARTINS, CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK, RHOADS, WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing that any fertilized human ovum or human embryo existing outside of a human uterus shall not be considered an unborn child or human being for any purpose under state law

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2599-bb-2 to read as follows:

§ 2599-bb-2. Fertilized human ova and human embryos outside of the uterus. 1. Any fertilized human ovum or human embryo that exists in any form outside of the uterus of a human body shall not, under any circumstances, be considered an unborn child, a minor child, a natural person, or any other term that connotes a human being for any purpose under the laws of this state.

2. For purposes of this section, "embryo" means a cell or group of cells containing a diploid complement of chromosomes or group of such cells, not a gamete or gametes, that has the potential to develop into a live born human being if transferred into the body of a person under conditions in which gestation may be reasonably expected to occur.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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