

Senate File 287 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the determination of when life begins and
2 acknowledging the rights, privileges, and immunities of an
3 unborn child.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 598C.1 Unborn child — findings —
2 rights, privileges, and immunities — no cause of action.

3 1. The general assembly of this state finds all of the
4 following:

5 a. The life of each human being begins at conception.

6 b. An unborn child has protectable interests in life,
7 health, and well-being.

8 c. The biological parent of an unborn child has protectable
9 interests in the life, health, and well-being of the unborn
10 child.

11 2. The laws of this state shall be interpreted and construed
12 to acknowledge on behalf of an unborn child at every stage
13 of development, all the rights, privileges, and immunities
14 available to other persons, citizens, and residents of this
15 state.

16 3. As used in this section, "*unborn child*" means the
17 offspring of a human being from the moment of conception until
18 birth at every stage of biological development.

19 4. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to create
20 a cause of action against a woman for indirectly harming the
21 woman's unborn child by failing to properly care for herself or
22 by failing to follow any particular program of prenatal care.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to the determination of when the life of a
25 human being begins and the rights, privileges, and immunities
26 ascribed to an unborn child and the interests of the unborn
27 child's biological parents.

28 The bill provides findings including that the life of
29 each human being begins at conception; an unborn child has
30 protectable interests in life, health, and well-being; and the
31 biological parent of an unborn child has protectable interests
32 in the life, health, and well-being of the unborn child.

33 The bill provides that the laws of the state of Iowa are
34 to be interpreted and construed to acknowledge on behalf of
35 an unborn child all the rights, privileges, and immunities

1 available to other persons, citizens, and residents of Iowa.

2 Under the bill, "unborn child" means the offspring of a human
3 being from the moment of conception until birth at every stage
4 of biological development.

5 The bill provides that the provisions of the bill are not
6 to be interpreted to create a cause of action against a woman
7 for indirectly harming the woman's unborn child by failing
8 to properly care for herself or by failing to follow any
9 particular program of prenatal care.