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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the protection of life beginning at  
2 conception, and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1.19 Rights and protections  
2 beginning at conception.

3 The sovereign state of Iowa recognizes that life is valued  
4 and protected from the moment of conception, and each life,  
5 from that moment, is accorded the same rights and protections  
6 guaranteed to all persons by the Constitution of the United  
7 States, the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and the laws of  
8 this state. The Iowa supreme court shall not have appellate  
9 jurisdiction over the provisions of this section.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
11 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill establishes that the sovereign state of Iowa  
16 recognizes that life is valued and protected from the moment  
17 of conception and each life is accorded the same rights and  
18 protections guaranteed to all persons by the constitutions of  
19 the state of Iowa and the United States, and by the laws of  
20 the state. The bill also provides that the Iowa supreme court  
21 does not have appellate jurisdiction over the provisions of the  
22 bill.

23 The bill takes effect upon enactment.