

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for equality and rights to all human beings at every stage of
2 biological development.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Equality and rights guaranteed to all human beings.**

- 5 1. The state shall afford the equality and inherent rights guaranteed to individuals in
6 section 1 of article I of the Constitution of North Dakota and the right to due
7 process guaranteed to persons in section 12 of article I of the constitution of North
8 Dakota to all human beings, including the unborn, partially born, born alive, and
9 born alive who reenter the womb, at every stage of biological development,
10 irrespective of age, health, function, condition of dependency, or method of
11 reproduction.
- 12 2. For purposes of this section:
- 13 a. "Human being" means any organism, including the single-cell human embryo,
14 irrespective of the method of reproduction, who possesses a genome specific
15 for and consistent with an individual member of the human species.
- 16 b. "Human embryo" means all human beings from the beginning of the
17 embryonic period of their biological development through eight weeks,
18 irrespective of age, health, function, physical dependency, or method of
19 reproduction, whether in vivo or in vitro.
- 20 c. "Human genome" means the total amount of nuclear and extranuclear DNA
21 genetic material that constitutes an organism as an individual member of the
22 human species, including the single-cell human embryo.