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H.B. No. 1109

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time at which life begins.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Bill Burch Act.

SECTION 2. Subtitle H, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 172 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 172. MOMENT THAT LIFE BEGINS

Sec. 172.001. MOMENT THAT LIFE BEGINS. The life of an individual human organism begins at the moment that the initial splitting of a human cell occurs during fertilization.

Sec. 172.002. RIGHTS OF UNBORN. An unborn human organism is alive and is entitled to the rights, protections, and privileges accorded to any other person in this state.

Sec. 172.003. POWER TO ENACT. This chapter is enacted pursuant to the power reserved to this state under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.