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HOUSE BILL NO. 2563

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 18.2-75.1 and 20-163.1, relating to assisted conception; certain medical treatments; written contract required.

Patrons—Taylor, Campbell and Green

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 18.2-75.1 and 20-163.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-75.1. Assisted conception; certain medical treatments; application.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit or limit the access to and use of (i) in vitro fertilization or any other method of assisted conception or (ii) any other medical treatment or intervention used to assist in the conception of a pregnancy or to maintain such a pregnancy. For the purposes of this section, "assisted conception" and "in vitro fertilization" have the same meanings as provided in § 20-156.

§ 20-163.1. In vitro fertilization; written contract; genetic parents.

Prior to beginning the in vitro fertilization process, the genetic parents, if known to each other, shall enter into a written contract stipulating to the disposition of any embryo created for the intended use in such process. Such contract shall include provisions regarding the cryopreservation, disposal, and control of any such embryo in the event of the death or incarceration of one or more of the genetic parents or the divorce of the genetic parents, if applicable.

The provisions of this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other contractual requirements that an entity assisting in such in vitro fertilization process may also require.