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#### DIGEST

Proposed law prohibits the cloning of human beings.

Proposed law defines "cloning" as the practice of creating or attempting to create a human being by transferring the nucleus from a human cell from whatever source into a human egg cell from which the nucleus has been removed for the purpose of, or to implant, the resulting product to initiate a pregnancy that could result in the birth of a human being.

Proposed law prohibits cloning or attempting to clone a human being, purchasing or selling an ovum, zygote, embryo, or fetus with the intent to clone, and provides penalties, including license revocation, for violation.

Proposed law does not prohibit scientific research or a cell-based therapy not specifically prohibited elsewhere in the statute.

(Adds R.S. 37:1285(A)(32), and R.S. 40:1299.36-1299.36.6)