

SENATE BILL No. 554

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to certain definitions;
2 providing that a fertilized human ovum or embryo existing outside of
3 the uterus of a human body shall not be considered an unborn child or
4 human being.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) A fertilized human ovum or human embryo that exists
8 in any form outside the uterus of a human body shall not be considered an
9 unborn child, a minor child, a natural person or any other term that
10 connotes a human being for any purpose under the laws of this state.

11 (b) As used in this section, "embryo" means a cell or group of cells
12 containing a diploid complement of chromosomes or group of such cells,
13 not a gamete or gametes, that has the potential to develop into a live born
14 human being if transferred into the body of an individual under conditions
15 in which gestation may be reasonably expected to occur.

16 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the Kansas register.