

S. 658 BROWNBACK-LANDRIEU
“THE HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2005”

Prohibitions

- Makes it a **crime** to clone or attempt to clone a human being, **including somatic cell nuclear transfer**. SCNT is important for developing disease-specific therapies, understanding the origin of disease, and for reducing risks in human trials.
- Prohibits shipment an embryo produced by human cloning or any product derived from such an embryo in interstate or foreign commerce in the U.S. or elsewhere.
- Defines human cloning as human asexual reproduction, accomplished by introducing nuclear material from one or more human somatic cells into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has been removed or inactivated so as to produce a living organism (at any stage of development) that is genetically virtually identical to an existing or previously existing human organism.

Penalties

- **Cloning a human being, or performing or attempting to perform somatic cell nuclear transfer is a crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison.**
- Establishes **finest of \$1 million or two times any profits made** (whichever is greater) **on any person who clones or attempts to clone a human being or performs or attempts to perform somatic cell nuclear transfer**. This financial penalty could be in addition to the 10-year prison term.

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