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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 846

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-75-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROHIBIT LICENSED ABORTION FACILITIES FROM SELLING STEM
3 CELLS THAT WERE DERIVED FROM A HUMAN EMBRYO OR HUMAN FETUS THAT
4 WAS DESTROYED, DISCARDED OR KNOWINGLY SUBJECTED TO RISK OF INJURY
5 OR DEATH; TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN ABORTION FACILITY IS FOUND TO HAVE
6 VIOLATED THIS SECTION, THE LICENSING AGENCY SHALL REVOKE THE
7 LICENSE OF THE ABORTION FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
10 41-75-27, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 41-75-27. (1) No abortion facility licensed under this
12 chapter or any person on behalf of an abortion facility may sell
13 any stem cells that were derived from a human embryo or human
14 fetus that was destroyed, discarded or knowingly subjected to risk
15 of injury or death. If the licensing agency, after a hearing
16 under Section 41-75-11, determines that a licensee has violated
17 this section, the licensing agency shall revoke the license of the
18 abortion facility.

19 (2) As used in this act, the term "human embryo" means any
20 organism that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis,



21 cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes (sperm
22 or egg) or human diploid cells (cells that have two sets of
23 chromosomes, such as somatic cells).

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2019.

