

SENATE BILL 671

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By: **Senators Harris and Greenip**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State-Funded Stem Cell Research – Stem Cell Research Commission**
3 **– Abstract**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a certain exception to the requirement that certain
5 procedures and guidelines be based on the guidelines of the National Institutes
6 of Health Center for Scientific Review; requiring an applicant for State-funded
7 stem cell research to submit a certain abstract; providing for the specifications
8 of the abstract; prohibiting the abstract from including certain proprietary or
9 confidential information; requiring the Stem Cell Research Commission to
10 establish certain length specifications and certain other guidelines for the
11 submission of the abstract; requiring the Commission to publish certain
12 abstracts on the Maryland Technology Development Corporation's website; and
13 generally relating to an abstract submitted as part of an application for
14 State-funded stem cell research.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development
17 Section 5–2B–07(a)(4)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development
22 Section 5–2B–07(a)(5)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development
3 Section 5–2B–07.1
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development**

9 5–2B–07.

10 (a) The Commission shall:

11 (4) Establish procedures and guidelines to be used by the committee
12 for the review, evaluation, ranking, and rating of research proposals for State–funded
13 stem cell research;

14 (5) [Ensure] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 5–2B–07.1 OF THIS**
15 **SUBTITLE, ENSURE** that the procedures and guidelines established under item (4) of
16 this subsection are based on the guidelines of the National Institutes of Health Center
17 for Scientific Review;

18 **5–2B–07.1.**

19 **(A) AS PART OF A PROPOSAL FOR STATE–FUNDED STEM CELL**
20 **RESEARCH, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
21 **THIS SECTION.**

22 **(B) (1) THE ABSTRACT SHALL:**

23 **(I) INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL;**

24 **(II) INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF THE LONG–TERM**
25 **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSAL;**

26 **(III) DESCRIBE THE RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS TO BE**
27 **EMPLOYED;**

1 (IV) MAKE REFERENCE TO THE HEALTH-RELATEDNESS OF
2 THE PROPOSAL;

3 (V) BE INFORMATIVE TO OTHER PERSONS WORKING IN THE
4 SAME OR A RELATED FIELD; AND

5 (VI) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE UNDERSTANDABLE
6 TO A SCIENTIFICALLY OR TECHNICALLY LITERATE LAY PERSON.

7 (2) THE ABSTRACT MAY NOT INCLUDE PROPRIETARY OR
8 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

9 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH LENGTH SPECIFICATIONS AND
10 OTHER FORMATTING GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN ABSTRACT.

11 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ALL ABSTRACTS ON THE
12 CORPORATION'S WEBSITE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2007.