

# SENATE BILL 59

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By: **Senator Lenett**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Stem Cell Research Commission to place a priority  
4 on funding certain stem cell research; and generally relating to the funding of  
5 embryonic stem cell research.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development  
8 Section 5–2B–01(c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development  
13 Section 5–2B–07(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

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

19 5–2B–01.

20 (c) “Commission” means the Stem Cell Research Commission.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 5-2B-07.

2 (a) The Commission shall:

3 (1) Adopt regulations that ensure that adult stem cell and stem cell  
4 research financed by the Fund complies with State law;

5 (2) Develop criteria, standards, and requirements for the initial review  
6 of grant and loan applications by the Commission;

7 (3) Review grant and loan applications to ensure that each application  
8 is complete and satisfies the criteria, standards, and requirements developed by the  
9 Commission, including approval by an institutional review board;

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

13 (5) Ensure that the procedures and guidelines established under item  
14 (4) of this subsection are based on the guidelines of the National Institutes of Health  
15 Center for Scientific Review;

16 (6) Establish criteria, standards, and requirements for consideration  
17 of grant and loan applications based on the rankings and ratings of the Committee;

18 (7) Make recommendations consistent with the criteria, standards,  
19 and requirements established by the Commission and based on the rankings and  
20 ratings of the Committee regarding the award of grants and loans from the Fund;

21 (8) Establish standards for the oversight and use of awards;

22 (9) Conduct progress oversight reviews of grantees;

23 **(10) PLACE A PRIORITY ON FUNDING EMBRYONIC STEM CELL**  
24 **RESEARCH;**

25 ~~[(10)]~~ **(11)** Notify the Corporation regarding the submission by a  
26 grantee, or failure of a grantee, to submit institutional review board approval for a  
27 grant awarded under this subtitle; and

1                    [(11)] **(12)** Develop guidelines on disclosure and recusal to be followed  
2 by members of the Commission when considering grant and loan applications.

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