

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding health, so as to codify the right to in vitro fertilization for
3 individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for
4 legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that:

- 8 (1) Millions of Americans and Georgians have struggled to have children;
- 9 (2) In vitro fertilization is a safe, effective, and legal way to make the dream of having
10 children possible for many of those individuals;
- 11 (3) Many members of this legislative body have received inquiries from the public
12 regarding the legal status of this procedure; and
- 13 (4) Such uncertainty needs to be addressed through the codification of the legal right to
14 in vitro fertilization procedures for individuals in this state.

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SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-1-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'in vitro fertilization' means a type of fertility treatment in which oocytes are removed from a female's ovary and, in an embryology laboratory, fertilized with a male's sperm to form an embryo that begins development in such laboratory and is subsequently transferred to a female's uterus or preserved for future use.

(b) Individuals have the right to obtain in vitro fertilization."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.