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1 AN ACT Relating to declaring that the right to life, as recognized
2 in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitutions
3 of the United States and Washington state, is vested in each human
4 being beginning at the moment at which an individual comes into being;
5 and adding a new chapter to Title 1 RCW.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends by this act to
8 implement equal protection under Article I, section 12 of the state
9 Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human
10 person.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act shall be known and may be cited as
12 the Washington state life at conception act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** To implement equal protection for the right
14 to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty
15 and authority of the legislature, including the legislature's power
16 under Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution, to make

1 necessary and proper laws, the legislature hereby declares that the
2 right to life guaranteed by Article I, section 3 of the state
3 Constitution is vested in each human being.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** For purposes of this act, the terms "human
5 person" and "human being" include each and every member of the species
6 homo sapiens at all stages of life including, but not limited to, the
7 moment of fertilization, cloning, and other moment at which an
8 individual member of the human species comes into being.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
10 a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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