ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

2. Short title.
AN BILLE UM ATÁIRGEADH DAONNA, 2001
HUMAN REPRODUCTION BILL, 2001

BILL

entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE BRINGING INTO BEING OF A HUMAN EMBRYO OTHERWISE THAN BY A PROCESS OF FERTILISATION, INTENDED TO LEAD TO CHILDBIRTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—(1) A person who brings into being a human embryo otherwise than by a process of fertilisation shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who brings into being a human embryo otherwise than—

(a) by sexual intercourse, or

(b) in the course and for the purpose of a medical treatment that is intended to lead to a child being delivered alive from the womb of a woman,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or a fine or both.

(4) In this section—

(a) an embryo comes into being on the coming into being of a two cell zygote, and

(b) “fertilisation”—

(i) means the process of combining a male and female gamete to form a zygote, and

(ii) does not include the bringing into being of a zygote by a process where an unfertilised female gamete is modified by cell nuclear replacement or transplantation.

2.—This Act may be cited as the Human Reproduction Act, 2001. Short title.