COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMI	TTEE ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
Committee

Representative Buchanan offered the following:

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15 16 Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 458.3245, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

458.3245 Stem cell therapy.—

(1) The Legislature recognizes the significant potential of stem cell therapies in advancing medical treatments and improving patient outcomes and further recognizes the need to ensure that such therapies are provided using stem cells obtained in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses. It is the intent of the Legislature to foster medical innovation while upholding ethical

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standards that respect the sanctity of life. By encouraging the use of stem cell sources such as adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and other ethically obtained human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products, the state will advance regenerative medicine in a manner consistent with the values of this state.

- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products" means articles containing or consisting of human cells or tissues obtained from umbilical cord or cord blood, donated by residents of the United States, which are intended for implantation, transplantation, infusion, or transfer into a human recipient. The term does not include any of the following:
- 1. Treatment or research using human cells or tissues
 that were derived from a fetus or an embryo after an abortion.
- 2. The sale, manufacture, or distribution of computer products created using human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.
 - 3. Vascularized human organs for transplantation.
- 4. Whole blood or blood components or blood derivative products subject to regulation under part I of chapter 499.
- 5. Secreted or extracted human products, such as milk, collagen, and cell factors; except that semen is considered a human cell, tissue, or cellular or tissue-based product for purposes of this paragraph.

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- 7. Ancillary products used in the manufacture of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.
- 8. Cells, tissues, and organs derived from animals other than humans.
 - 9. In vitro diagnostic products.
- 10. Blood vessels recovered with an organ, as defined in 42 C.F.R. s. 121.2, which are intended for use in organ transplantation and labeled, "For use in organ transplantation only."
 - 11. Fetal-derived stem cells.
- 12. Adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells for transplantation.
 - (b) "Minimally manipulated" means:
- 1. For structural tissue, processing that does not alter the original relevant characteristics of the tissue relating to the tissue's utility for reconstruction, repair, or replacement.
- 2. For cells or nonstructural tissues, processing that does not alter the relevant biological characteristics of cells or tissues.

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- (c) "Physician" means a physician licensed under this chapter acting in the course and scope of his or her employment.
- (d) "Stem cell therapy" means a treatment involving the use of afterbirth placental perinatal stem cells, or human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products, which complies with the regulatory requirements provided in this section. The term does not include treatment or research using human cells or tissues that were derived from a fetus or an embryo after an abortion.
- (3) (a) A physician may perform stem cell therapy that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration if such therapy is used for treatment or procedures that are within the scope of practice for such physician and the therapies are related to orthopedics, wound care, or pain management.
- (b) To ensure that the retrieval, manufacture, storage, and use of stem cells used for therapies conducted under this section meet the highest standards, any stem cells used by a physician for therapy provided under this section must:
- 1. Be manufactured in a clean room space that has been certified by the United States Food and Drug Administration for using high-efficiency particulate air filtration or ultra-low penetration air filtration to minimize nonviable and viable particulate contamination;

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2. Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility
that is registered and regulated by the United States Food and
Drug Administration and licensed or registered with one of the
following entities:
a. National Marrow Donor Program.
b. World Marrow Donor Association.
c. Association for the Advancement of Blood and
Biotherapies.
d. American Association of Tissue Banks; and
3. Contain viable or live cells upon post-thaw analysis
and be included in a post-thaw viability analysis report for the
product lot which will be sent to the physician before use with
the physician's patient.
(c) A physician performing stem cell therapy may not
obtain stem cells for therapies form a facility engaging in the
retrieval, manufacture, or storage of stem cells intended for
human use under this section unless the facility maintains valid
accreditation or certification as required by this subsection.
Any contract or other agreement by which a physician obtains
stem cells for therapies from such a facility must include:
1. A requirement that the facility provide the following
information to the physician:
a. The name and address of the facility;

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b. The certifying organization;

c. The type and scope of certification;

115	d. The effective and expiration dates of the
116	certification; and
117	e. Any limitations or conditions imposed by the
118	certifying organization.
119	2. A requirement that the facility notify the physician
120	within 30 days of any change in certification status, including
121	renewal, suspension, revocation, or expiration.
122	(4) In the performance of any procedure using or
123	purporting to use stem cells or products containing stem cells,
124	the physician shall adhere to the applicable current good
125	manufacturing practices for the collection, removal, processing,
126	implantation, and transfer of stem cells, or products containing
127	stem cells, pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
128	Act, 21 U.S.C. ss. 301 et seq.; 52 Stat. 1040 et seq.; and 21
129	C.F.R. part 1271, Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-
130	Based Products.
131	(5)(a) A physician who conducts stem cell therapy pursuant
132	to this section shall include the following notice in any form
133	<pre>of advertisement:</pre>
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135	THIS NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER FLORIDA LAW.
136	This physician performs one or more stem cell
137	therapies that have not yet been approved by the
138	United States Food and Drug Administration. You are

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139	encouraged to consult with your primary care provider
140	before undergoing any stem cell therapy.
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142	(b) The notice required by paragraph (a) must be clearly
143	legible and in a type size no smaller than the largest type size
144	used in the advertisement.
145	(6)(a) A physician who conducts stem cell therapy pursuant
146	to this section shall obtain a signed consent form from the
147	patient before performing the stem cell therapy.
148	(b) The consent form must be signed by the patient or, if
149	the patient is not legally competent, the patient's
150	representative and must state all of the following in language
151	the patient or his or her representative could reasonably be
152	expected to understand:
153	1. The nature and character of the proposed treatment.
154	2. That the proposed stem cell therapy has not yet been
155	approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
156	3. The anticipated results of the proposed treatment.
157	4. The recognized serious possible risks, complications,
158	and anticipated benefits involved in the treatment and in the
159	recognized possible alternative forms of treatment, including
160	nontreatment.
161	5. That the patient is encouraged to consult with his or
162	her primary care provider before undergoing any stem cell
163	therapy.

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164	(7) This section does not apply to either of the
165	following:
166	(a) A physician who has obtained approval for an
167	investigational new drug or device from the United States Food
168	and Drug Administration for the use of human cells, tissues, or
169	cellular or tissue-based products.
170	(b) A physician who performs stem cell therapy under an
171	employment or other contract on behalf of an institution
172	certified by any of the following:
173	1. The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular
174	Therapy.
175	2. The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials
176	Network.
177	3. The Association for the Advancement of Blood and
178	Biotherapies.
179	4. An entity with expertise in stem cell therapy as
180	determined by the department.
181	(8) A violation of this section may subject the physician
182	to disciplinary action by the board.
183	(9) The Board of Medicine may adopt rules necessary to
184	implement this section.
185	Section 2. Section 459.0127, Florida Statutes, is created
186	to read:

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459.0127 Stem cell therapy.—

(1) The Legislature recognizes the significant potential
of stem cell therapies in advancing medical treatments and
improving patient outcomes and further recognizes the need to
ensure that such therapies are provided using stem cells
obtained in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells
derived from aborted fetuses. It is the intent of the
Legislature to foster medical innovation while upholding ethical
standards that respect the sanctity of life. By encouraging the
use of stem cell sources such as adult stem cells, umbilical
cord blood, and other ethically obtained human cells, tissues,
or cellular or tissue-based products, the state will advance
regenerative medicine in a manner consistent with the values of
this state.

- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products" means articles containing or consisting of human cells or tissues obtained from umbilical cord or cord blood, donated by residents of the United States, which are intended for implantation, transplantation, infusion, or transfer into a human recipient. The term does not include any of the following:
- 1. Treatment or research using human cells or tissues
 that were derived from a fetus or an embryo after an abortion.
- 2. The sale, manufacture, or distribution of computer products created using human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.

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213	3. Vascularized human organs for transplantation.
214	4. Whole blood or blood components or blood derivative
215	products subject to regulation under part I of chapter 499.
216	5. Secreted or extracted human products, such as milk,
217	collagen, and cell factors; except that semen is considered a
218	human cell, tissue, or cellular or tissue-based product for
219	purposes of this paragraph.
220	6. Minimally manipulated bone marrow for homologous use
221	and not combined with another article, except for with water,
222	crystalloids, or a sterilizing, preserving, or storage agent, if
223	the addition of the agent does not raise new clinical safety
224	concerns with respect to the bone marrow.
225	7. Ancillary products used in the manufacture of human
226	cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.
227	8. Cells, tissues, and organs derived from animals other
228	than humans.
229	9. In vitro diagnostic products.
230	10. Blood vessels recovered with an organ, as defined in
231	42 C.F.R. s. 121.2, which are intended for use in organ
232	transplantation and labeled, "For use in organ transplantation
233	only."
234	11. Fetal-derived stem cells.
235	12. Adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells for
236	transplantation.
237	(b) "Minimally manipulated" means:

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- 2. For cells or nonstructural tissues, processing that does not alter the relevant biological characteristics of cells or tissues.
- (c) "Physician" means a physician licensed under this chapter acting in the course and scope of his or her employment.
- (d) "Stem cell therapy" means a treatment involving the use of afterbirth placental perinatal stem cells, or human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products, which complies with the regulatory requirements provided in this section. The term does not include treatment or research using human cells or tissues that were derived from a fetus or an embryo after an abortion.
- (3) (a) A physician may perform stem cell therapy that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration if such therapy is used for treatment or procedures that are within the scope of practice for such physician and the therapies are related to orthopedics, wound care, or pain management.
- (b) To ensure that the retrieval, manufacture, storage, and use of stem cells used for therapies conducted under this section meet the highest standards, any stem cells used by a physician for therapy provided under this section must:

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1. Be manufactured in a clean room space that has been
certified by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
using high-efficiency particulate air filtration or ultra-low
penetration air filtration to minimize nonviable and viable
particulate contamination;

- 2. Be retrieved, manufactured, and stored in a facility that is registered and regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration and licensed or registered with one of the following entities:
 - a. National Marrow Donor Program.
 - b. World Marrow Donor Association.
- c. Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies.
 - d. American Association of Tissue Banks; and
- 3. Contain viable or live cells upon post-thaw analysis and be included in a post-thaw viability analysis report for the product lot which will be sent to the physician before use with the physician's patient.
- (c) A physician performing stem cell therapy may not obtain stem cells for therapies from a facility engaging in the retrieval, manufacture, or storage of stem cells intended for human use under this section unless the facility maintains valid accreditation or certification as required by this subsection.

 Any contract or other agreement by which a physician obtains stem cells for therapies from such a facility must include:

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288	1. A requirement that the facility provide the following
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290	a. The name and address of the facility;
291	b. The certifying organization;
292	c. The type and scope of certification;
293	d. The effective and expiration dates of the
294	certification; and
295	e. Any limitations or conditions imposed by the
296	certifying organization.
297	2. A requirement that the facility notify the physician within
298	30 days of any change in certification status, including
299	renewal, suspension, revocation, or expiration.
300	(4) In the performance of any stem cell therapy procedure,
301	the physician shall use stem cells or products containing stem
302	cells produced by a facility which adheres to the applicable
303	current good manufacturing practices for the collection,
304	removal, processing, implantation, and transfer of stem cells,
305	or products containing stem cells, pursuant to the Federal Food,
306	Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. ss. 301 et seq.; 52 Stat. 1040
307	et seq.; and 21 C.F.R. part 1271, Human Cells, Tissues, and
308	Cellular and Tissue-Based Products.
309	(5)(a) A physician who conducts stem cell therapy pursuant
310	to this section shall include the following notice in any form
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313	THIS NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER FLORIDA LAW.
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316	United States Food and Drug Administration. You are
317	encouraged to consult with your primary care provider
318	before undergoing any stem cell therapy.
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320	(b) The notice required by paragraph (a) must be clearly
321	legible and in a type size no smaller than the largest type size
322	used in the advertisement.
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324	to this section shall obtain a signed consent form from the
325	patient before performing the stem cell therapy.
326	(b) The consent form must be signed by the patient or, if
327	the patient is not legally competent, the patient's
328	representative and must state all of the following in language
329	the patient or his or her representative could reasonably be
330	expected to understand:
331	1. The nature and character of the proposed treatment.
332	2. That the proposed stem cell therapy has not yet been
333	approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
334	3. The anticipated results of the proposed treatment.
335	4. The recognized serious possible risks, complications,
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338	nontreatment.						
339	5. That the patient is encouraged to consult with his or						
340	her primary care provider before undergoing any stem cell						
341	therapy.						
342	(7) This section does not apply to either of the						
343	following:						
344	(a) A physician who has obtained approval for an						
345	investigational new drug or device from the United States Food						
346	and Drug Administration for the use of human cells, tissues, or						
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348	(b) A physician who performs a stem cell therapy under an						
349	employment or other contract on behalf of an institution						
350	certified by any of the following:						
351	1. The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular						
352	Therapy.						
353	2. The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials						
354	Network.						
355	3. The Association for the Advancement of Blood and						
356	Biotherapies.						
357	4. An entity with expertise in stem cell therapy as						
358	determined by the department.						
350	(0) A violation of this section may subject the physician						

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to disciplinary action by the board.

(9)	The	e Board	of	Oste	opathic	Medicine	may	adopt	rules
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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: An act relating to stem cell therapy; creating s. 458.3245, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; authorizing allopathic physicians to perform stem cell therapy not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for the stem cells that may be used by allopathic physicians; requiring allopathic physicians to adhere to applicable current good manufacturing practices in the performance of such therapies; prohibiting allopathic physicians from obtaining stem cells for therapies from facilities failing to meet certain requirements; requiring allopathic physicians to include certain terms in contracts or agreements with facilities producing stem cells for therapies; requiring allopathic physicians to include a specified notice in any form of advertisement; providing requirements for such notice; requiring allopathic physicians to obtain

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a signed consent form from the patient or his or her representative before performing the therapy; specifying requirements for the consent form; providing applicability; providing for disciplinary action; requiring the Board of Medicine to adopt rules; creating s. 459.0127, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; authorizing osteopathic physicians to perform stem cell therapy not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for the stem cells that may be used by osteopathic physicians; requiring osteopathic physicians to adhere to applicable current good manufacturing practices in the performance of such therapies; prohibiting osteopathic physicians from obtaining stem cells for therapies from facilities failing to meet certain requirements; requiring osteopathic physicians to include certain terms in contracts or agreements with facilities producing stem cells for therapies; requiring osteopathic physicians to include a specified notice in any form of advertisement; providing requirements for such notice; requiring osteopathic physicians to obtain a signed consent form from the patient or his or her representative before performing the therapy;

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT Bill No. CS/HB 1617 (2025)

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411	specifying requirements for the consent form;
412	providing applicability; providing for disciplinary
413	action; requiring the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to
414	adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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