



Protecting Families from Fertility Fraud Act

Introduced by Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-05), the ***Protecting Families from Fertility Fraud Act*** establishes federal criminal penalties for individuals who knowingly misrepresent the nature or source of DNA used in assisted reproductive technology procedures. The bipartisan legislation seeks to provide justice for victims of fertility fraud, hold perpetrators accountable, and restore trust in fertility treatment practices.

What the Bill Does

- **Creates a new federal criminal offense for knowingly misrepresenting the source or nature of DNA used in assisted reproductive technology procedures**
- **Establishes penalties of up to 10 years in prison for individuals convicted of fertility fraud**
- **Creates a 10-year statute of limitations that begins when DNA evidence identifies a suspect, recognizing that many victims do not discover the fraud until years later through genetic testing**
- **Adds fertility fraud as a predicate offense under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, allowing prosecutors to pursue broader patterns of criminal conduct when appropriate**
- **Provides federal law enforcement with additional tools to investigate and prosecute fertility fraud cases**

Why It Matters

Fertility fraud is a profound violation of trust that can have lifelong consequences for patients, parents, and children. In numerous documented cases across the country, fertility doctors and medical professionals have allegedly used their own genetic material or other unauthorized DNA without the knowledge or consent of patients seeking fertility treatment. Many victims only discover the truth years or even decades later through advances in consumer DNA testing.

The Protecting Families from Fertility Fraud Act closes a gap in federal law by creating clear criminal penalties for these deceptive practices, ensuring perpetrators can be held accountable and providing affected families a path toward justice.

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