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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO EXPAND AND ENCOURAGE STEM CELL REASEARCH FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTANA."

**Whereas:** Stem cell research is a growing medical field that provides society with cures for many conditions and diseases. The advancement of this technology in Montana will not only promote medical advances, but also create job opportunities and economic boosting.

**Section 1:** Definitions:

Stem cells shall be defined as a self-regenerating cell that can replicate indefinitely and differentiate into other cells.

Stem cell research shall be defined as the study and use of stem cells to further advances in the field of medicine.

**Section 2:** The state will provide private start-up stem cell researchers with block grants in the amount of 15 percent of the initial private investments with a required alliance with the state university system providing internships for students pursuing the medical field. Existing research facilities and programs will be given funding based on the alliance agreement and tax information from their first fiscal year to determine the initial investment.

**Section 3:** The governor will appoint a joint committee for stem cell research with a two-thirds conformation vote by the state senate. The joint committee will consist of seven members including a democratic representative, a republican representative, a third party representative and four non-partisan medical professionals. The joint committee will set and enforce regulations concerning safe use of stem cell technology.

**Section 4:** Fiscal note: Monies for the investment will come from health fund.

**Section 5:** This bill will be come effective upon the start of the next fiscal year.