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Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Bill

Bill No. 12/2013.

Read the first time on 8th July 2013.

STATUS OF CHILDREN (ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY) ACT 2013

(No. of 2013)

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A BILL

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An Act relating to the legal status of children conceived and born through assisted reproduction technology and for matters connected therewith, and to make related amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Status of Children (Assisted
5 Reproduction Technology) Act 2013 and shall come into operation on
such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

10 “court” means the High Court;

“de facto partner”, in relation to a gestational mother (whether
married or not) at a given point in time, means the man, if any,
with whom the gestational mother is living in a relationship as
if he were her spouse at that point in time;

15 “egg” means a live human egg and includes the cells of the
female germ line at any stage of maturity but, except in the
definition of “embryo”, shall not include an egg that is in the
process of fertilisation or undergoing any other process
capable of resulting in an embryo;

20 “embryo” means a live human embryo and includes an egg that is
in the process of fertilisation or undergoing any other process
capable of resulting in an embryo;

“fertilisation procedure” means —

25 (a) the placing of an embryo or of sperm and eggs in a
woman;

(b) the artificial insemination of a woman; or

(c) any other prescribed procedure for the assisted
conception of children;

30 “gestational mother” means the woman who is treated as the
mother of a child under section 6;