

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 977

To amend title 35, United States Code, to prohibit the patenting of human genetic material.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Mr. BECERRA (for himself and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 35, United States Code, to prohibit the patenting of human genetic material.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Genomic Research and
5 Accessibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PATENT OF HUMAN GENETIC MA-**
7 **TERIAL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 10 of title 35, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 106. Prohibition on patent of human genetic mate-**
2 **rial**

3 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no pat-
4 ent may be obtained for a nucleotide sequence, or its func-
5 tions or correlations, or the naturally occurring products
6 it specifies.”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of sections of
8 chapter 10 of title 35, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

“106. Prohibition on patent of human genetic material.”.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
11 section (a) shall not apply to a patent issued before the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

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