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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies the current law regarding paternity of a child conceived through artificial insemination by adding comparable provisions regarding maternity of a child conceived through egg donation and embryo implantation.

Section

1 Artificial insemination; egg donation. Amends § 257.56.

Subd. 1. Husband treated as biological father; wife treated as biological mother. Provides that a wife is treated in law as if she were the biological mother of a child if the wife is implanted with embryos created with eggs donated by another woman and her husband's sperm and a child is thereby conceived. Requires that a licensed physician supervise the egg donation and embryo implantation, and also requires the husband's consent to the process. The husband's and wife's consent must be in writing and signed, and retained by the physician for at least four years after the confirmation of a pregnancy resulting from the egg donation. In addition, the bill specifies that all papers and records regarding the egg donation are subject to inspection only upon court order for good cause shown.

Subd. 2. Donor not treated as biological father or biological mother. Specifies that the donor who provides her eggs to a licensed physician for the creation of embryos to be implanted in a married woman other than herself is treated in law as if she were not the biological mother of the resulting child.