



### **Committee Corner: Reproductive & Genetic Technologies Committee**

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Abstract of Model Act Governing Assisted Reproduction:

Courts have had to decide numerous cases arising out of the increasing use of assisted reproduction arrangements to have children. The problem often encountered in these cases is the absence of controlling statutory law and at best a sparse caselaw. The proposed MODEL ACT GOVERNING ASSISTED REPRODUCTION provides suggested solutions to this problem. It was drafted after five years of considered consideration by the ABA Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology and Genetics of the Family Law Section. It is intended to provide suggested model legislation for the regulation of reproductive technologies. The Act does not in any way conflict with the Uniform Parentage Act and does not limit the ability of the NCCUSL to develop uniform laws on this subject matter in the future. The Act deals with subjects such as informed consent to procedures, health consultation, embryo transfer and disposition, posthumous conception, payment for gametes, health insurance, quality assurance, donor and collaborative reproduction registries, reporting requirements and enforcement. These subjects are not currently provided for in any uniform law proposals. The Act also contains material on parentage issues, which is consistent with the Uniform Parentage Act.

Read the entire act at [http://www.abanet.org/family/committees/ART\\_MOD\\_050506Draft.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/family/committees/ART_MOD_050506Draft.pdf).