

**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act  
1990 (HFE Act 1990)**

**Scientists want to do research on  
embryonic stem cells but the current law  
does not allow this.**

**Public consultation by the Human  
Fertilisation and Embryology Authority**

**Government's Chief Medical Officer  
produces a report (Donaldson Report)**

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics - Discussion  
paper on stem cell therapy: the ethical  
issues**

**Amendments to 1990 HFE Act debated by  
House of Commons**

**Amendments to 1990 HFE Act passed by  
House of Commons**

**Amendments to 1990 HFE Act debated by  
House of Lords**

**Amendments to 1990 HFE Act passed by  
House of Lords**

**Amendments to 1990 HFE Act become  
Law**

**UK Department of Health challenged in  
court by Pro-Life Alliance - loophole in  
1990 HFE Act that could allow human  
cloning.**

**New human reproductive cloning bill  
introduced to parliament**

**Human reproductive cloning bill passed by  
commons**

**Human reproductive cloning bill passed by  
lords**

**Human reproductive cloning bill receives  
royal assent (becomes law)**