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Provide for a review by the Secretary of State of the regulations governing gamete storage periods.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Review of regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State must conduct a review of the law of the United Kingdom relating to the statutory storage period for gametes.
- (2) The review must in particular consider amending the current regulations to permit the extension of the storage period to over ten years for those who express that they have not completed their family (and such proposed amendments are set out in the Schedule). 5
- (3) The Secretary of State must begin the review before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament a report of the conclusions of the review and of any proposals which it makes. 10
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament a report about the progress of the review—
 - (a) before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which the review began, and 15
 - (b) before the end of each further period of six months beginning with the day of the most recent progress report, until the report of the review is laid before both Houses of Parliament in accordance with subsection (4).

2 Extent and short title

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- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Storage Period for Gametes Act 2020.

SCHEDULE

Section 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS FOR GAMETE STORAGE PERIODS

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| 1 | The Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and Gametes) Regulations 2009 (S.I 2009/1582) are proposed to be amended as follows. | 5 |
| 2 | In Regulation 4(1)(b), after “subparagraph (b)” insert “or expression was made under sub-paragraph (c)”. | |
| 3 | In Regulation 4(2), after “sub-paragraph (b)” insert “or expression made under sub-paragraph (c)”. | |
| 4 | In Regulation 4, leave out paragraph (3) and insert – | 10 |
| | “(3) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (2) are that – | |
| | (a) the person who provided the gamete in question has consented in writing to the gamete being stored for a period in excess of ten years for the provision of treatment services; and either | 15 |
| | (b) on any day within the relevant period a registered medical practitioner has given a written opinion that the person who provided the gamete or, where they are not that person, the person to be treated, is infertile or is likely to become prematurely infertile; or | 20 |
| | (c) on any day within the relevant period the person who provided the gamete or, where they are not that person, the person to be treated, has expressed that they have not yet completed their family.” | |

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