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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Health and Government Operations/Finance* --

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

Speaker.

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals - Bone Marrow Donation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain hospital to allow an individual to donate bone  
4 marrow to any individual under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
5 hospitals and the donation of bone marrow.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Health - General  
8 Section 19-310  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 19-310.

5 (a) (1) In this [section] SUBSECTION, "designated requestor" means a  
6 hospital employee who has completed a course offered by an organ, tissue, or eye  
7 recovery agency on how to approach potential donor families and request organ or  
8 tissue donation.

9 [(b)] (2) [(1)] (I) On or before the occurrence of each death in a hospital, the  
10 hospital shall contact an appropriate organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency in order to  
11 determine the patient's suitability for organ, tissue, or eye donation.

12 [(2)] (II) The contact and its disposition shall be noted in the patient's  
13 medical record.

14 [(c)] (3) [(1)] (I) The appropriate organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency, in  
15 consultation with the patient's attending physician or the physician's designee, shall  
16 determine the patient's suitability for organ, tissue, or eye donation.

17 [(2)] (II) If the organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency, in consultation with  
18 the patient's attending physician or the physician's designee, determines that  
19 donation is not appropriate based on established medical criteria, this determination  
20 shall be noted by hospital personnel in the patient's medical record and no further  
21 action is necessary.

22 [(3)] (III) If the organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency, in consultation with  
23 the patient's attending physician or the physician's designee, determines that the  
24 patient is a suitable candidate for organ, tissue, or eye donation, a representative of  
25 the appropriate organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency or a designated requestor shall  
26 initiate a request under [subsection (d) of this section] PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS  
27 SUBSECTION, if applicable.

28 [(d)] (4) [(1)] (I) Except as provided in [subsection (j) of this section]  
29 PARAGRAPH (10) OF THIS SUBSECTION, when an individual dies in a hospital in  
30 accordance with § 5-202 of this article, a representative of the appropriate organ,  
31 tissue, or eye recovery agency or a designated requestor shall request, with  
32 sensitivity, in the order of stated priority, that the individual's representative consent  
33 to the donation of all or any of the decedent's organs or tissues as an anatomical  
34 donation if suitable.

35 [(2)] (II) For the purposes of [paragraph (1) of this subsection]  
36 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, the representative of the deceased  
37 individual is 1 of the following individuals listed in the following order of priority:

38 [(i)] 1. A spouse, but, if not alive or not competent, then;

1 [(ii)] 2. A son or daughter who is at least 18 years old, but, if not  
2 alive, competent, or immediately available, then;

3 [ (iii) ] 3. A parent, but, if not alive, competent, or immediately  
4 available, then;

5 [ (iv) ] 4. A brother or sister who is at least 18 years old, but, if not  
6 alive or not competent, then;

7 [ (v) ] 5. A guardian;

8 [ (vi) ] 6. A friend or other relative of the decedent, if the individual:

9 [1.] A. Is a competent individual; and

10 [2.] B. Presents an affidavit to the attending physician  
11 stating:

12 [A.] I. That the individual is a relative or close friend of the  
13 decedent; and

14 [B.] II. Specific facts and circumstances demonstrating that  
15 the individual maintained regular contact with the decedent sufficient to be familiar  
16 with the decedent's activities, health, and personal beliefs; or

17 [ (vii) ] 7. Any other person authorized or required to dispose of the  
18 body.

19 [ (3) ] (III) [ (i) ] 1. This [subsection] PARAGRAPH does not apply if the  
20 decedent has given contrary directions.

21 [ (ii) ] 2. The failure of the decedent to make a gift is not a contrary  
22 direction for purposes of this [subsection] PARAGRAPH.

23 [ (4) ] (IV) Contrary directions given by the decedent under this  
24 [subsection] PARAGRAPH shall be recorded in the decedent's medical record.

25 [ (5) ] (V) The representative of the appropriate organ, tissue, or eye  
26 recovery agency or the designated requestor and the representative of the deceased  
27 patient are entitled to protection from civil and criminal liability as provided in §  
28 4-508(b) of the Estates and Trusts Article.

29 [ (e) ] (5) In all discussions concerning donations of organs and tissues, the  
30 representative of the appropriate organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency or the  
31 designated requestor shall show reasonable discretion and sensitivity:

32 [ (1) ] (I) To the circumstances of the family of the decedent;

33 [ (2) ] (II) To the religious beliefs of the decedent; and

1 [ (3) ] (III) To the nonsuitability for organ or tissue donation of the  
2 decedent.

3 [ (f) ] (6) [ (1) ] (i) When a representative of the appropriate organ, tissue, or  
4 eye recovery agency or a designated requestor makes a request under [subsection  
5 (d)(1) of this section] PARAGRAPH (4)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the representative or  
6 designated requestor shall document the request and its disposition by having the  
7 appropriate individual described in [subsection (d)(2) of this section] PARAGRAPH  
8 (4)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION sign a consent form or give a witnessed telegraphic,  
9 witnessed telephonic, or recorded consent to the donation.

10 [ (2) ] (II) Hospital personnel shall note the request and its disposition in  
11 the decedent's medical record or death certificate.

12 [ (g) ] (7) A hospital may not bill the estate of the decedent, a surviving spouse  
13 of the decedent, any heirs of the decedent, or an insurer of the decedent for the costs  
14 associated with the removal of all or any of the decedent's organs or tissues for the  
15 purpose of an anatomical donation.

16 [ (h) ] (8) After consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, Inc., the  
17 Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, the Transplant Resource  
18 Center of Maryland, Inc., the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, the  
19 Medical Eye Bank of Maryland, the Lions of District 22-C Eye Bank and Research  
20 Foundation, Incorporated, the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, and Tissue  
21 Banks International, the Secretary shall publish guidelines designed to implement  
22 this [section] SUBSECTION, including guidelines:

23 [ (1) ] (I) Requiring that, at or near the time of each individual death in a  
24 hospital, the hospital contact by telephone an appropriate organ, tissue, or eye  
25 recovery agency to determine the suitability of the individual for organ, tissue, and  
26 eye donation;

27 [ (2) ] (II) Requiring that each hospital designate a person to make the  
28 contact; and

29 [ (3) ] (III) Identifying the information that the person designated by the  
30 hospital shall have available before making the contact.

31 [ (i) ] (9) The provisions of this [section] SUBSECTION shall in no way  
32 interfere with the duties of the office of the Chief Medical Examiner. In sudden deaths  
33 under the jurisdiction of the office of the Chief Medical Examiner as provided in §  
34 5-309 of this article, notification will be made to the office of the Chief Medical  
35 Examiner prior to organ removal.

36 [ (j) ] (10) The consent of the decedent's representative is not necessary and the  
37 provisions of [subsection (d) of this section] PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION do  
38 not apply if:

39 [ (1) ] (I) The decedent's driver's license or identification card contains a  
40 notation that the decedent is an organ donor; or

1                   [(2)]    (II)    The decedent has consented to the gift of all or any part of the  
2 decedent's body in accordance with the provisions of:

3                   [(i)]    1.       § 5-604.1 of this article; or

4                   [(ii)]   2.       Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Estates and Trusts Article.

5                   [(k)]    (11)   A person who acts in good faith to recover organs or tissues in  
6 accordance with a notation on the decedent's driver's license or identification card  
7 that the decedent is an organ donor, a gift made in accordance with § 5-604.1 of this  
8 article or Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Estates and Trusts Article, or a gift made in  
9 accordance with the anatomical gift laws of another state or country is immune from  
10 criminal prosecution and liability for damages in any cause of action related to the  
11 recovery and donation of the decedent's organs or tissues.

12                  [(l)]    (12)   The Department shall conduct annual death record reviews at each  
13 hospital to determine the hospital's compliance with the provisions of this [section]  
14 SUBSECTION. The Department may delegate its duty to conduct annual death record  
15 reviews to the appropriate organ, tissue, or eye recovery agency serving the region in  
16 which a particular hospital is located.

17                  (B)    (1)    SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
18 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A HOSPITAL OFFERING BONE  
19 MARROW TRANSPLANT SERVICES SHALL ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO DONATE BONE  
20 MARROW TO ANY INDIVIDUAL.

21                  (2)    AN INDIVIDUAL MAY DONATE BONE MARROW TO ANOTHER  
22 INDIVIDUAL IF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN DETERMINES, BASED ON THE PHYSICIAN'S  
23 MEDICAL JUDGMENT, THAT THE DONATION OF THE BONE MARROW IS IN THE BEST  
24 INTERESTS OF THE DONOR AND DONEE DONEE AND THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL  
25 RISK OF MEDICAL INJURY TO THE DONOR.

26                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2005.