

# SENATE BILL 869

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which certain anatomical gifts may be used;  
4 repealing provisions of law that require certain persons to search certain individuals  
5 for a document of gift or any other information identifying the individual as a donor,  
6 that specify certain procedures to be taken if a document is located, and that concern  
7 certain administrative sanctions; requiring a certain procurement organization to  
8 make a certain search of certain registries under certain circumstances; ~~authorizing~~  
9 ~~certain examinations of certain medical and dental records to include examination~~  
10 ~~of the death certificates of certain individuals;~~ and generally relating to the  
11 Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Estates and Trusts  
14 Section 4–509(a) and (g) ~~and 4–512(b) and (c)~~  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Estates and Trusts  
19 Section 4–509(e) and (f) and 4–512(a) ~~and (d)~~  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

22 BY repealing

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Estates and Trusts  
2 Section 4–510  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

8 4–509.

9 (a) An anatomical gift may be made to the following persons named in a document  
10 of gift:

11 (1) A hospital, an accredited medical school, a dental school, a college or  
12 university, an organ procurement organization, the State Anatomy Board, or a  
13 nontransplant tissue bank for research, training, or education;

14 (2) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, if the individual is the recipient  
15 of the part, an individual designated by the person making the anatomical gift; or

16 (3) An eye bank or a transplant tissue bank.

17 (e) If an anatomical gift of one or more specific parts is made in a document of gift  
18 that does not name a person described in subsection (a) of this section and does not identify  
19 the purpose of the gift, the gift passes in accordance with subsection (g) of this section [and  
20 may be used only for transplantation or therapy].

21 (f) If a document of gift specifies only a general intent to make an anatomical gift  
22 by words such as “donor”, “organ donor”, or “body donor”, or by a symbol or statement of  
23 similar import, the gift passes in accordance with subsection (g) of this section and may be  
24 used [only] for transplantation, **RESEARCH, EDUCATION**, or therapy.

25 (g) For purposes of subsections (b), (e), and (f) of this section, the following  
26 provisions apply:

27 (1) If the part is an eye, the gift passes to the appropriate eye bank;

28 (2) If the part is tissue, the gift passes to the appropriate tissue bank; and

29 (3) If the part is an organ, the gift passes to the appropriate organ  
30 procurement organization as custodian of the organ.

31 [4–510.

1 (a) The following persons shall make a reasonable search of an individual who  
2 the person reasonably believes is dead or whose death is imminent for a document of gift  
3 or any other information identifying the individual as a donor or as an individual who made  
4 a refusal:

5 (1) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or any other  
6 emergency rescuer finding the individual; and

7 (2) If no other source of the information is immediately available, a  
8 hospital, as soon as practical after the individual's arrival at the hospital.

9 (b) If a document of gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift is located by the  
10 search required under subsection (a)(1) of this section and the individual or deceased  
11 individual to whom it relates is taken to a hospital, the person responsible for conducting  
12 the search shall send the document of gift or refusal to the hospital.

13 (c) A person is not subject to criminal or civil liability for failing to discharge the  
14 duties imposed by this section but may be subject to administrative sanctions.]

15 4-512.

16 (a) Whenever a hospital refers an individual who is dead or whose death is  
17 imminent to a procurement organization to ascertain whether the individual has made an  
18 anatomical gift, the organization shall make a reasonable search of any **NATIONAL AND**  
19 **LOCAL** donor registry that [the hospital knows] exists for the geographical area in which  
20 the individual resides.

21 ~~(b) (1) When a hospital refers an individual who is dead or whose death is~~  
22 ~~imminent to a procurement organization, the organization may conduct any reasonable~~  
23 ~~examination necessary to ensure the medical suitability of a part that is or could be the~~  
24 ~~subject of an anatomical gift for transplantation, therapy, research, or education.~~

25 ~~(2) During the examination period, measures necessary to ensure the~~  
26 ~~medical suitability of a part from a prospective donor.~~

27 ~~(i) May not be withdrawn unless the hospital or procurement~~  
28 ~~organization knows that the individual expressed a contrary intent; and~~

29 ~~(ii) May be administered, unless it is determined that the~~  
30 ~~administration of those measures would not provide the prospective donor with appropriate~~  
31 ~~end-of-life care consistent with reasonable medical judgment.~~

32 ~~(c) Unless prohibited by law other than this subtitle, at any time after a donor's~~  
33 ~~death, the person to which a part passes under § 4-509 of this subtitle may conduct a~~  
34 ~~reasonable examination necessary to ensure the medical suitability of the body or part for~~  
35 ~~its intended purpose.~~

1           ~~(d) Unless prohibited by law other than this subtitle, an examination under~~  
2 ~~subsection (b) or (c) of this section may include an examination of all medical and dental~~  
3 ~~records of the donor or prospective donor, INCLUDING THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF THE~~  
4 ~~DONOR OR PROSPECTIVE DONOR.~~

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.