

OF A BODY OF A DECEDENT FOR ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE:

- (1) THE SPOUSE, IF ONE SURVIVES;
- (2) AN ADULT SON OR DAUGHTER;
- (3) EITHER PARENT;
- (4) AN ADULT BROTHER OR SISTER;
- (5) THE GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF THE DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH;
- (6) ANY OTHER PERSON OR AGENCY AUTHORIZED OR UNDER OBLIGATION TO DISPOSE OF THE BODY.

IF THERE IS NO SURVIVING SPOUSE AND AN ADULT SON OR DAUGHTER IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF DEATH OF A DECEDENT, THE GIFT MAY BE MADE BY EITHER PARENT. IF A PARENT OF DECEDENT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, THE GIFT MAY BE MADE BY ANY ADULT BROTHER OR SISTER OF DECEDENT. IF THERE IS KNOWN TO BE A CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE CLASS OF PERSONS FIRST ENTITLED TO MAKE THE GIFT, THE GIFT MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION TO MAKE THE GIFT MAY EXECUTE THE DOCUMENT OF GIFT EITHER AFTER DEATH OR DURING A TERMINAL ILLNESS.

(C) METHOD OF MAKING GIFT.

IF THE GIFT IS MADE BY A PERSON DESIGNATED IN §4-503 (B) OF THIS SECTION, IT SHALL BE BY A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY HIM OR BY HIS TELEGRAPHIC, RECORDED TELEPHONIC, OR OTHER RECORDED MESSAGE.

(D) EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL ACCEPTANCE.

A GIFT OF ALL OR PART OF A BODY AUTHORIZES ANY EXAMINATION OF THE BODY, OR ANY OTHER PROCEDURE, NECESSARY TO ASSURE MEDICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THE GIFT FOR THE PURPOSES INTENDED.

(E) RIGHTS OF DONEE.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §4-507 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE RIGHTS OF THE DONEE CREATED BY THE GIFT ARE PARAMOUNT TO THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

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4-504. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME DONEES OF ANATOMICAL