

1998 LAWS OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND, Sect.:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the Fourteenth Day of January 1998, and ending on the Thirteenth Day of April 1998, Parris N. Glendening being Governor of the State, the following laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1

(Senate Bill 230)

AN ACT concerning

The William H. Amoss Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 1998

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain provisions of law authorizing certain persons to give all or part of a decedent's body apply if the decedent has not made a gift of all or part of the decedent's body for purposes of the Maryland Anatomical Gift Act; authorizing certain friends and relatives to give all or part of a decedent's body under certain circumstances; specifying that the failure of a decedent to make a gift is not a contrary direction for certain purposes; adding a witness telephone statement to the ways in which an anatomical gift may be made; authorizing certain persons and entities to examine a decedent and the decedent's medical records and to conduct certain inquiries for certain purposes; adding certain organ procurement organizations to the list of persons eligible to receive gifts of human bodies or parts; specifying that a gift of all or part of a body for purposes of the Maryland Anatomical Gift Act may be made by a designation on the donor's driver's license or identification card; specifying the manner in which a gift made by a designation on the donor's driver's license or identification card may be revoked; modifying certain provisions of law governing acceptance and utilization of anatomical gifts; authorizing certain medical examiners to provide certain organs or tissues upon the request of certain organ procurement organizations and certain tissue banks; altering the conditions under which organs or tissues may be provided; altering certain immunity provisions; authorizing a health care provider to disclose a medical record without the authorization of a person in interest to the Department of

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.