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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:  
To Pass as Amended  
Read Second Time

March 21, 2007

By motion, re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

March 27, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:  
To Pass as Amended  
Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to anatomical gifts; adopting the Darlene Luther Revised Uniform  
1.3 Anatomical Gift Act; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law as  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 525A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections  
1.5 525.921; 525.9211; 525.9212; 525.9213; 525.9214; 525.9215; 525.9216;  
1.6 525.9217; 525.9218; 525.9219; 525.9221; 525.9222; 525.9223; 525.9224.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. **[525A.01] SHORT TITLE.**

1.9 This chapter may be cited as the "Darlene Luther Revised Uniform Anatomical  
1.10 Gift Act."

1.11 Sec. 2. **[525A.02] DEFINITIONS.**

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Adult.** "Adult" means an individual who is at least 18 years of age.

1.14 Subd. 3. **Agent.** "Agent" means an individual who is:

1.15 (1) authorized to make health care decisions on the principal's behalf by a power of  
1.16 attorney for health care; or

1.17 (2) expressly authorized to make an anatomical gift on the principal's behalf by  
1.18 any other record signed by the principal.

1.19 Subd. 4. **Anatomical gift.** "Anatomical gift" means a donation of all or part of  
1.20 a human body to take effect after the donor's death for the purpose of transplantation,  
1.21 therapy, research, or education.

1.22 Subd. 5. **Decedent.** "Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn  
1.23 infant or an embryo or fetus that has died of natural causes in utero.

2.1 Subd. 6. **Disinterested witness.** "Disinterested witness" means a witness other than  
2.2 the spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, or guardian of the individual  
2.3 who makes, amends, revokes, or refuses to make an anatomical gift, or another adult who  
2.4 exhibited special care and concern for the individual. The term does not include a person  
2.5 to which an anatomical gift could pass under section 525A.11.

2.6 Subd. 7. **Document of gift.** "Document of gift" means a donor card or other record  
2.7 used to make an anatomical gift. The term includes a statement or symbol on a driver's  
2.8 license, identification card, or donor registry.

2.9 Subd. 8. **Donor.** "Donor" means an individual whose body or part is the subject of  
2.10 an anatomical gift.

2.11 Subd. 9. **Donor registry.** "Donor registry" means a database that contains records  
2.12 of anatomical gifts and amendments to or revocations of anatomical gifts.

2.13 Subd. 10. **Driver's license.** "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued  
2.14 under chapter 171 to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the  
2.15 license or permit.

2.16 Subd. 11. **Eye bank.** "Eye bank" means a person that is licensed, accredited,  
2.17 or regulated under federal or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing,  
2.18 processing, storage, or distribution of human eyes or portions of human eyes.

2.19 Subd. 12. **Guardian.** "Guardian" means a person appointed by a court to make  
2.20 decisions regarding the support, care, education, health, or welfare of an individual. The  
2.21 term does not include a guardian ad litem.

2.22 Subd. 13. **Hospital.** "Hospital" means a facility licensed as a hospital under the  
2.23 law of any state or a facility operated as a hospital by the United States, a state, or a  
2.24 subdivision of a state.

2.25 Subd. 14. **Identification card.** "Identification card" means a Minnesota  
2.26 identification card issued under chapter 171.

2.27 Subd. 15. **Know.** "Know" means to have actual knowledge.

2.28 Subd. 16. **Medical examiner.** "Medical examiner" includes coroner.

2.29 Subd. 17. **Minor.** "Minor" means an individual who is under 18 years of age.

2.30 Subd. 18. **Organ procurement organization.** "Organ procurement organization"  
2.31 means a person designated by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and  
2.32 Human Services as an organ procurement organization.

2.33 Subd. 19. **Parent.** "Parent" means a parent whose parental rights have not been  
2.34 terminated.

2.35 Subd. 20. **Part.** "Part" means an organ, an eye, or tissue of a human being. The term  
2.36 does not include the whole body.

3.1           Subd. 21. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate,  
3.2 trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation,  
3.3 government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or  
3.4 commercial entity.

3.5           Subd. 22. **Physician.** "Physician" means an individual authorized to practice  
3.6 medicine or osteopathy under the law of any state.

3.7           Subd. 23. **Procurement organization.** "Procurement organization" means an eye  
3.8 bank, organ procurement organization, or tissue bank.

3.9           Subd. 24. **Prospective donor.** "Prospective donor" means an individual who is dead  
3.10 or near death and has been determined by a procurement organization to have a part that  
3.11 could be medically suitable for transplantation, therapy, research, or education. The term  
3.12 does not include an individual who has made a refusal.

3.13           Subd. 25. **Reasonably available.** "Reasonably available" means able to be  
3.14 contacted by a procurement organization without undue effort and willing and able to act  
3.15 in a timely manner consistent with existing medical criteria necessary for the making of  
3.16 an anatomical gift.

3.17           Subd. 26. **Recipient.** "Recipient" means an individual into whose body a decedent's  
3.18 part has been or is intended to be transplanted.

3.19           Subd. 27. **Record.** "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible  
3.20 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable  
3.21 form.

3.22           Subd. 28. **Refusal.** "Refusal" means a record created under section 525A.07 that  
3.23 expressly states an intent to bar other persons from making an anatomical gift of an  
3.24 individual's body or part.

3.25           Subd. 29. **Sign.** "Sign" means, with the present intent to authenticate or adopt  
3.26 a record:

3.27           (1) to execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

3.28           (2) to attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound,  
3.29 or process.

3.30           Subd. 30. **State.** "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
3.31 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject  
3.32 to the jurisdiction of the United States.

3.33           Subd. 31. **Technician.** "Technician" means an individual determined to be qualified  
3.34 to remove or process parts by an appropriate organization that is licensed, accredited, or  
3.35 regulated under federal or state law. The term includes an enucleator.

4.1 Subd. 32. **Tissue.** "Tissue" means a portion of the human body other than an organ  
4.2 or an eye. The term does not include blood unless the blood is donated for the purpose  
4.3 of research or education.

4.4 Subd. 33. **Tissue bank.** "Tissue bank" means a person that is licensed, accredited,  
4.5 or regulated under federal or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing,  
4.6 processing, storage, or distribution of tissue.

4.7 Subd. 34. **Transplant hospital.** "Transplant hospital" means a hospital that  
4.8 furnishes organ transplants and other medical and surgical specialty services required  
4.9 for the care of transplant patients.

4.10 **Sec. 3. [525A.03] APPLICABILITY.**

4.11 This chapter applies to an anatomical gift or amendment to, revocation of, or refusal  
4.12 to make an anatomical gift, whenever made.

4.13 **Sec. 4. [525A.04] WHO MAY MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFT BEFORE DONOR'S**  
4.14 **DEATH.**

4.15 Subject to section 525A.08, an anatomical gift of a donor's body or part may be  
4.16 made during the life of the donor for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or  
4.17 education in the manner provided in section 525A.05 by:

4.18 (1) the donor, if the donor is an adult or if the donor is a minor and is:

4.19 (i) emancipated; or

4.20 (ii) authorized under state law to apply for a driver's license because the donor is  
4.21 at least 16 years of age;

4.22 (2) an agent of the donor, unless the power of attorney for health care or other record  
4.23 prohibits the agent from making an anatomical gift;

4.24 (3) a parent of the donor, if the donor is an unemancipated minor; or

4.25 (4) the donor's guardian.

4.26 **Sec. 5. [525A.05] MANNER OF MAKING ANATOMICAL GIFT BEFORE**  
4.27 **DONOR'S DEATH.**

4.28 (a) A donor may make an anatomical gift:

4.29 (1) by authorizing a statement or symbol indicating that the donor has made an  
4.30 anatomical gift to be imprinted on the donor's driver's license or identification card;

4.31 (2) in a will;

4.32 (3) during a terminal illness or injury of the donor, by any form of communication  
4.33 addressed to at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness; or

5.1 (4) as provided in paragraph (b).

5.2 (b) A donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section  
5.3 525A.04 may make a gift by a donor card or other record signed by the donor or other  
5.4 person making the gift or by authorizing that a statement or symbol indicating that the  
5.5 donor has made an anatomical gift be included on a donor registry. If the donor or  
5.6 other person is physically unable to sign a record, the record may be signed by another  
5.7 individual at the direction of the donor or other person and must:

5.8 (1) be witnessed by at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested  
5.9 witness, who have signed at the request of the donor or the other person; and

5.10 (2) state that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in clause (1).

5.11 (c) Revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of a driver's license or  
5.12 identification card upon which an anatomical gift is indicated does not invalidate the gift.

5.13 (d) An anatomical gift made by will takes effect upon the donor's death whether or  
5.14 not the will is probated. Invalidation of the will after the donor's death does not invalidate  
5.15 the gift.

5.16 **Sec. 6. [525A.06] AMENDING OR REVOKING ANATOMICAL GIFT BEFORE**  
5.17 **DONOR'S DEATH.**

5.18 (a) Subject to section 525A.08, a donor or other person authorized to make an  
5.19 anatomical gift under section 525A.04 may amend or revoke an anatomical gift by:

5.20 (1) a record signed by:

5.21 (i) the donor;

5.22 (ii) the other person; or

5.23 (iii) subject to paragraph (b), another individual acting at the direction of the donor  
5.24 or the other person if the donor or other person is physically unable to sign; or

5.25 (2) a later-executed document of gift that amends or revokes a previous anatomical  
5.26 gift or portion of an anatomical gift, either expressly or by inconsistency.

5.27 (b) A record signed pursuant to paragraph (a), clause (1), item (iii), must:

5.28 (1) be witnessed by at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested  
5.29 witness, who have signed at the request of the donor or the other person; and

5.30 (2) state that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in clause (1).

5.31 (c) Subject to section 525A.08, a donor or other person authorized to make an  
5.32 anatomical gift under section 525A.04 may revoke an anatomical gift by the destruction or  
5.33 cancellation of the document of gift, or the portion of the document of gift used to make  
5.34 the gift, with the intent to revoke the gift.

6.1 (d) A donor may amend or revoke an anatomical gift that was not made in a will  
6.2 by any form of communication during a terminal illness or injury addressed to at least  
6.3 two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness.

6.4 (e) A donor who makes an anatomical gift in a will may amend or revoke the gift in  
6.5 the manner provided for amendment or revocation of wills or as provided in paragraph (a).

6.6 **Sec. 7. [525A.07] REFUSAL TO MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFT; EFFECT OF**  
6.7 **REFUSAL.**

6.8 (a) An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body  
6.9 or part by:

6.10 (1) a record signed by:

6.11 (i) the individual; or

6.12 (ii) subject to paragraph (b), another individual acting at the direction of the  
6.13 individual if the individual is physically unable to sign;

6.14 (2) the individual's will, whether or not the will is admitted to probate or invalidated  
6.15 after the individual's death; or

6.16 (3) any form of communication made by the individual during the individual's  
6.17 terminal illness or injury addressed to at least two adults, at least one of whom is a  
6.18 disinterested witness.

6.19 (b) A record signed pursuant to paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), must:

6.20 (1) be witnessed by at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested  
6.21 witness, who have signed at the request of the individual; and

6.22 (2) state that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in clause (1).

6.23 (c) An individual who has made a refusal may amend or revoke the refusal:

6.24 (1) in the manner provided in paragraph (a) for making a refusal;

6.25 (2) by subsequently making an anatomical gift pursuant to section 525A.05 that is  
6.26 inconsistent with the refusal; or

6.27 (3) by destroying or canceling the record evidencing the refusal, or the portion of the  
6.28 record used to make the refusal, with the intent to revoke the refusal.

6.29 (d) Except as otherwise provided in section 525A.08, paragraph (h), in the absence  
6.30 of an express, contrary indication by the individual set forth in the refusal, an individual's  
6.31 unrevoked refusal to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body or part bars all other  
6.32 persons from making an anatomical gift of the individual's body or part.

6.33 **Sec. 8. [525A.08] PRECLUSIVE EFFECT OF ANATOMICAL GIFT,**  
6.34 **AMENDMENT, OR REVOCATION.**

7.1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g) and subject to paragraph (f), in the  
7.2 absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor, a person other than the donor is  
7.3 barred from making, amending, or revoking an anatomical gift of a donor's body or part if  
7.4 the donor made an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under section 525A.05 or an  
7.5 amendment to an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under section 525A.06. An  
7.6 anatomical gift made in a will, a designation on a driver's license or identification card, or  
7.7 a health care directive under chapter 145C, and not revoked, establishes the intent of the  
7.8 person making the designation and may not be overridden by any other person.

7.9 (b) A donor's revocation of an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under  
7.10 section 525A.06 is not a refusal and does not bar another person specified in section  
7.11 525A.04 or 525A.09 from making an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under  
7.12 section 525A.05 or 525A.10.

7.13 (c) If a person other than the donor makes an unrevoked anatomical gift of the  
7.14 donor's body or part under section 525A.05 or an amendment to an anatomical gift of the  
7.15 donor's body or part under section 525A.06, another person may not make, amend, or  
7.16 revoke the gift of the donor's body or part under section 525A.10.

7.17 (d) A revocation of an anatomical gift of a donor's body or part under section  
7.18 525A.06 by a person other than the donor does not bar another person from making an  
7.19 anatomical gift of the body or part under section 525A.05 or 525A.10.

7.20 (e) In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person  
7.21 authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 525A.04, an anatomical gift of a part  
7.22 is neither a refusal to give another part nor a limitation on the making of an anatomical gift  
7.23 of another part at a later time by the donor or another person.

7.24 (f) In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person  
7.25 authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 525A.04, an anatomical gift of a  
7.26 part for one or more of the purposes set forth in section 525A.04 is not a limitation on  
7.27 the making of an anatomical gift of the part for any of the other purposes by the donor  
7.28 or any other person under section 525A.05 or 525A.10.

7.29 (g) If a donor who is an unemancipated minor dies, a parent of the donor who is  
7.30 reasonably available may revoke or amend an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part.

7.31 (h) If an unemancipated minor who signed a refusal dies, a parent of the minor who  
7.32 is reasonably available may revoke the minor's refusal.

7.33 **Sec. 9. [525A.09] WHO MAY MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFT OF DECEDENT'S**  
7.34 **BODY OR PART.**

8.1 (a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) and unless barred by section 525A.07 or  
8.2 525A.08, an anatomical gift of a decedent's body or part for the purpose of transplantation,  
8.3 therapy, research, or education may be made by any member of the following classes of  
8.4 persons who is reasonably available, in the order of priority listed:

8.5 (1) an agent of the decedent at the time of death who could have made an anatomical  
8.6 gift under section 525A.04, clause (2), immediately before the decedent's death;

8.7 (2) the spouse of the decedent;

8.8 (3) adult children of the decedent;

8.9 (4) parents of the decedent;

8.10 (5) adult siblings of the decedent;

8.11 (6) adult grandchildren of the decedent;

8.12 (7) grandparents of the decedent;

8.13 (8) an adult who exhibited special care and concern for the decedent;

8.14 (9) the persons who were acting as the guardians of the person of the decedent  
8.15 at the time of death; and

8.16 (10) any other person having the authority to dispose of the decedent's body.

8.17 (b) If there is more than one member of a class listed in paragraph (a), clause (1),  
8.18 (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (9), entitled to make an anatomical gift, an anatomical gift may  
8.19 be made by a member of the class unless that member or a person to which the gift may  
8.20 pass under section 525A.11 knows of an objection by another member of the class. If  
8.21 an objection is known, the gift may be made only by a majority of the members of the  
8.22 class who are reasonably available.

8.23 (c) A person may not make an anatomical gift if, at the time of the decedent's death,  
8.24 a person in a prior class under paragraph (a) is reasonably available to make or to object to  
8.25 the making of an anatomical gift.

8.26 **Sec. 10. [525A.10] MANNER OF MAKING, AMENDING, OR REVOKING**  
8.27 **ANATOMICAL GIFT OF DECEDENT'S BODY OR PART.**

8.28 (a) A person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 525A.09 may  
8.29 make an anatomical gift by a document of gift signed by the person making the gift or by  
8.30 that person's oral communication that is electronically recorded or is contemporaneously  
8.31 reduced to a record and signed by the individual receiving the oral communication.

8.32 (b) Subject to paragraph (c), an anatomical gift by a person authorized under section  
8.33 525A.09 may be amended or revoked orally or in a record by any member of a prior class  
8.34 who is reasonably available. If more than one member of the prior class is reasonably  
8.35 available, the gift made by a person authorized under section 525A.09 may be:

9.1 (1) amended only if a majority of the reasonably available members agree to the  
9.2 amending of the gift; or

9.3 (2) revoked only if a majority of the reasonably available members agree to the  
9.4 revoking of the gift or if they are equally divided as to whether to revoke the gift.

9.5 (c) A revocation under paragraph (b) is effective only if, before an incision has been  
9.6 made to remove a part from the donor's body or before invasive procedures have begun to  
9.7 prepare the recipient, the procurement organization, transplant hospital, or physician or  
9.8 technician knows of the revocation.

9.9 **Sec. 11. [525A.11] PERSONS THAT MAY RECEIVE ANATOMICAL GIFT;**  
9.10 **PURPOSE OF ANATOMICAL GIFT.**

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

9.13 (1) a hospital; accredited medical school, dental school, college, or university; organ  
9.14 procurement organization; or nonprofit organization in medical education or research,  
9.15 for research or education;

9.16 (2) subject to paragraph (b), an individual designated by the person making the  
9.17 anatomical gift if the individual is the recipient of the part; and

9.18 (3) an eye bank or tissue bank.

9.19 (b) If an anatomical gift to an individual under paragraph (a), clause (2), cannot be  
9.20 transplanted into the individual, the part passes in accordance with paragraph (g) in the  
9.21 absence of an express, contrary indication by the person making the anatomical gift.

9.22 (c) If an anatomical gift of one or more specific parts or of all parts is made in a  
9.23 document of gift that does not name a person described in paragraph (a) but identifies the  
9.24 purpose for which an anatomical gift may be used, the following rules apply:

9.25 (1) if the part is an eye and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or therapy,  
9.26 the gift passes to the appropriate eye bank;

9.27 (2) if the part is tissue and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or therapy, the  
9.28 gift passes to the appropriate tissue bank;

9.29 (3) if the part is an organ and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or therapy,  
9.30 the gift passes to the appropriate organ procurement organization as custodian of the  
9.31 organ; and

9.32 (4) if the part is an organ, an eye, or tissue and the gift is for the purpose of research  
9.33 or education, the gift passes to the appropriate procurement organization.

9.34 (d) For the purpose of paragraph (c), if there is more than one purpose of an  
9.35 anatomical gift set forth in the document of gift but the purposes are not set forth in any

10.1 priority, the gift must be used for transplantation or therapy, if suitable. If the gift cannot  
10.2 be used for transplantation or therapy, the gift may be used for research or education.

10.3 (e) If an anatomical gift of one or more specific parts is made in a document of gift  
10.4 that does not name a person described in paragraph (a) and does not identify the purpose  
10.5 of the gift, the gift may be used only for transplantation or therapy, and the gift passes in  
10.6 accordance with paragraph (g).

10.7 (f) If a document of gift specifies only a general intent to make an anatomical gift  
10.8 by words such as "donor," "organ donor," or "body donor," or by a symbol or statement  
10.9 of similar import, the gift may be used only for transplantation or therapy, and the gift  
10.10 passes in accordance with paragraph (g).

10.11 (g) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (e), and (f), the following rules apply:

10.12 (1) if the part is an eye, the gift passes to the appropriate eye bank;

10.13 (2) if the part is tissue, the gift passes to the appropriate tissue bank; and

10.14 (3) if the part is an organ, the gift passes to the appropriate organ procurement  
10.15 organization as custodian of the organ.

10.16 (h) An anatomical gift of an organ for transplantation or therapy, other than  
10.17 an anatomical gift under paragraph (a), clause (2), passes to the organ procurement  
10.18 organization as custodian of the organ.

10.19 (i) If an anatomical gift does not pass pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (h) or the  
10.20 decedent's body or part is not used for transplantation, therapy, research, or education,  
10.21 custody of the body or part passes to the person under obligation to dispose of the body or  
10.22 part.

10.23 (j) A person may not accept an anatomical gift if the person knows that the gift was  
10.24 not effectively made under section 525A.05 or 525A.10 or if the person knows that the  
10.25 decedent made a refusal under section 525A.07 that was not revoked. For purposes of  
10.26 this paragraph, if a person knows that an anatomical gift was made on a document of gift,  
10.27 the person is deemed to know of any amendment or revocation of the gift or any refusal  
10.28 to make an anatomical gift on the same document of gift.

10.29 (k) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), clause (2), nothing in this chapter  
10.30 affects the allocation of organs for transplantation or therapy.

10.31 **Sec. 12. [525A.12] SEARCH AND NOTIFICATION.**

10.32 (a) The following persons shall make a reasonable search of an individual who  
10.33 the person reasonably believes is dead or near death for a document of gift or other  
10.34 information identifying the individual as a donor or as an individual who made a refusal:

11.1 (1) a law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other emergency rescuer  
11.2 finding the individual; and

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

11.5 (b) If a document of gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift is located by the  
11.6 search required by paragraph (a), clause (1), and the individual or deceased individual to  
11.7 whom it relates is taken to a hospital, the person responsible for conducting the search  
11.8 shall send the document of gift or refusal to the hospital. If a body is transferred to  
11.9 the custody of the medical examiner, the person who discovered the body must notify  
11.10 the person's dispatcher. A dispatcher notified under this section must notify the state's  
11.11 federally designated organ procurement organization and inform the organization of the  
11.12 deceased's name, donor status, and location.

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

11.15 **Sec. 13. [525A.13] DELIVERY OF DOCUMENT OF GIFT NOT REQUIRED;**  
11.16 **RIGHT TO EXAMINE.**

11.17 (a) A document of gift need not be delivered during the donor's lifetime to be  
11.18 effective.

11.19 (b) Upon or after an individual's death, a person in possession of a document of  
11.20 gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift with respect to the individual shall allow  
11.21 examination and copying of the document of gift or refusal by a person authorized to  
11.22 make or object to the making of an anatomical gift with respect to the individual or by a  
11.23 person to which the gift could pass under section 525A.11.

11.24 **Sec. 14. [525A.14] RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PROCUREMENT**  
11.25 **ORGANIZATION AND OTHERS.**

11.26 (a) When a hospital refers an individual at or near death to a procurement  
11.27 organization, the organization shall make a reasonable search of the records of the  
11.28 Department of Public Safety and any donor registry that it knows exists for the  
11.29 geographical area in which the individual resides to ascertain whether the individual has  
11.30 made an anatomical gift.

11.31 (b) A procurement organization must be allowed reasonable access to information  
11.32 in the records of the Department of Public Safety to ascertain whether an individual at  
11.33 or near death is a donor.

12.1 (c) When a hospital refers an individual at or near death to a procurement  
12.2 organization, the organization may conduct any reasonable examination necessary to  
12.3 ensure the medical suitability of a part that is or could be the subject of an anatomical gift  
12.4 for transplantation, therapy, research, or education from a donor or a prospective donor.  
12.5 During the examination period, measures necessary to ensure the medical suitability of the  
12.6 part may not be withdrawn unless the hospital or procurement organization knows that  
12.7 the individual expressed a contrary intent.

12.8 (d) Unless prohibited by law other than this chapter, at any time after a donor's  
12.9 death, the person to which a part passes under section 525A.11 may conduct any  
12.10 reasonable examination necessary to ensure the medical suitability of the body or part  
12.11 for its intended purpose.

12.12 (e) Unless prohibited by law other than this chapter, an examination under paragraph  
12.13 (c) or (d) may include an examination of all medical and dental records of the donor or  
12.14 prospective donor.

12.15 (f) Upon the death of a minor who was a donor or had signed a refusal, unless a  
12.16 procurement organization knows the minor is emancipated, the procurement organization  
12.17 shall conduct a reasonable search for the parents of the minor and provide the parents with  
12.18 an opportunity to revoke or amend the anatomical gift or revoke the refusal.

12.19 (g) Upon referral by a hospital under paragraph (a), a procurement organization shall  
12.20 make a reasonable search for any person listed in section 525A.09 having priority to make  
12.21 an anatomical gift on behalf of a prospective donor. If a procurement organization receives  
12.22 information that an anatomical gift to any other person was made, amended, or revoked, it  
12.23 shall promptly advise the other person of all relevant information.

12.24 (h) Subject to sections 525A.11, paragraph (i), and 525A.23, the rights of the person  
12.25 to which a part passes under section 525A.11 are superior to the rights of all others with  
12.26 respect to the part. The person may accept or reject an anatomical gift in whole or in part.  
12.27 Subject to the terms of the document of gift and this chapter, a person that accepts an  
12.28 anatomical gift of an entire body may allow embalming, burial, or cremation, and use of  
12.29 remains in a funeral service. If the gift is of a part, the person to which the part passes  
12.30 under section 525A.11, upon the death of the donor and before embalming, burial, or  
12.31 cremation, shall cause the part to be removed without unnecessary mutilation.

12.32 (i) Neither the physician who attends the decedent at death nor the physician who  
12.33 determines the time of the decedent's death may participate in the procedures for removing  
12.34 or transplanting a part from the decedent.

12.35 (j) A physician or technician may remove a donated part from the body of a donor  
12.36 that the physician or technician is qualified to remove.

13.1 Sec. 15. **[525A.15] COORDINATION OF PROCUREMENT AND USE.**

13.2 Each hospital in this state shall enter into agreements or affiliations with procurement  
13.3 organizations for coordination of procurement and use of anatomical gifts.

13.4 Sec. 16. **[525A.16] SALE OR PURCHASE OF PARTS PROHIBITED; FELONY.**

13.5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a person that for valuable  
13.6 consideration, knowingly purchases or sells a part for transplantation or therapy if removal  
13.7 of a part from an individual is intended to occur after the individual's death, commits a  
13.8 felony and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment  
13.9 not exceeding five years, or both.

13.10 (b) A person may charge a reasonable amount for the removal, processing,  
13.11 preservation, quality control, storage, transportation, implantation, or disposal of a part.

13.12 Sec. 17. **[525A.17] PROHIBITED ACTS; FELONY.**

13.13 A person that, in order to obtain a financial gain, intentionally falsifies, forges,  
13.14 conceals, defaces, or obliterates a document of gift, an amendment or revocation of a  
13.15 document of gift, or a refusal commits a felony and upon conviction is subject to a fine not  
13.16 exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

13.17 Sec. 18. **[525A.18] IMMUNITY.**

13.18 (a) A person that acts in accordance with this chapter or with the applicable  
13.19 anatomical gift law of another state, or attempts in good faith to do so, is not liable for the  
13.20 act in a civil action, criminal prosecution, or administrative proceeding.

13.21 (b) Neither the person making an anatomical gift nor the donor's estate is liable for  
13.22 any injury or damage that results from the making or use of the gift.

13.23 (c) In determining whether an anatomical gift has been made, amended, or revoked  
13.24 under this chapter, a person may rely upon representations of an individual listed in  
13.25 section 525A.09, paragraph (a), clause (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8), relating to the  
13.26 individual's relationship to the donor or prospective donor unless the person knows that  
13.27 the representation is untrue.

13.28 (d) An anatomical gift under this chapter is not a sale of goods as that term is defined  
13.29 in section 336.2-105, paragraph (1), or the sale of a product.

13.30 Sec. 19. **[525A.19] LAW GOVERNING VALIDITY; CHOICE OF LAW AS TO**  
13.31 **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENT OF GIFT; PRESUMPTION OF VALIDITY.**

13.32 (a) A document of gift is valid if executed in accordance with:

14.1 (1) this chapter;  
14.2 (2) the laws of the state or country where it was executed; or  
14.3 (3) the laws of the state or country where the person making the anatomical gift  
14.4 was domiciled, has a place of residence, or was a national at the time the document of  
14.5 gift was executed.

14.6 (b) If a document of gift is valid under this section, the law of this state governs  
14.7 the interpretation of the document of gift.

14.8 (c) A person may presume that a document of gift or amendment of an anatomical  
14.9 gift is valid unless that person knows that it was not validly executed or was revoked.

14.10 **Sec. 20. [525A.20] DONOR REGISTRY.**

14.11 (a) The Department of Health may establish or contract for the establishment of a  
14.12 donor registry.

14.13 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall cooperate with a person that administers  
14.14 any donor registry that this state establishes, contracts for, or recognizes for the purpose  
14.15 of transferring to the donor registry all relevant information regarding a donor's making,  
14.16 amendment to, or revocation of an anatomical gift.

14.17 (c) A donor registry must:

14.18 (1) allow a donor or other person authorized under section 525A.04 to include on  
14.19 the donor registry a statement or symbol that the donor has made, amended, or revoked  
14.20 an anatomical gift;

14.21 (2) be accessible to a procurement organization to allow it to obtain relevant  
14.22 information on the donor registry to determine, at or near death of the donor or a  
14.23 prospective donor, whether the donor or prospective donor has made, amended, or revoked  
14.24 an anatomical gift; and

14.25 (3) be accessible, for purposes of clauses (1) and (2), seven days a week on a  
14.26 24-hour basis.

14.27 (d) Personally identifiable information on a donor registry about a donor or  
14.28 prospective donor may not be used or disclosed without the express consent of the donor,  
14.29 prospective donor, or person that made the anatomical gift for any purpose other than  
14.30 to determine, at or near death of the donor or prospective donor, whether the donor or  
14.31 prospective donor has made, amended, or revoked an anatomical gift.

14.32 (e) This section does not prohibit any person from creating or maintaining a donor  
14.33 registry that is not established by or under contract with the state. Any such registry  
14.34 must comply with paragraphs (c) and (d).

15.1       Sec. 21. **[525A.21] EFFECT OF ANATOMICAL GIFT ON ADVANCE HEALTH**  
15.2 **CARE DIRECTIVE.**

15.3       (a) In this section:

15.4       (1) "advance health care directive" means a power of attorney for health care  
15.5 or a record signed by a prospective donor containing the prospective donor's direction  
15.6 concerning a health care decision for the prospective donor;

15.7       (2) "declaration" means a record signed by a prospective donor specifying the  
15.8 circumstances under which a life support system may be withheld or withdrawn from  
15.9 the prospective donor; and

15.10       (3) "health care decision" means any decision made regarding the health care of the  
15.11 prospective donor.

15.12       (b) If a prospective donor has a declaration or advance health care directive,  
15.13 measures necessary to ensure the medical suitability of an organ for transplantation  
15.14 or therapy may not be withheld or withdrawn from the prospective donor, unless the  
15.15 declaration expressly provides to the contrary.

15.16       Sec. 22. **[525A.22] COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL EXAMINER AND**  
15.17 **PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION.**

15.18       (a) A medical examiner shall cooperate with procurement organizations to maximize  
15.19 the opportunity to recover anatomical gifts for the purpose of transplantation, therapy,  
15.20 research, or education.

15.21       (b) If a medical examiner receives notice from a procurement organization that an  
15.22 anatomical gift might be available or was made with respect to a decedent whose body is  
15.23 under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner and a postmortem examination is going to  
15.24 be performed, unless the medical examiner denies recovery in accordance with section  
15.25 525A.23, the medical examiner or designee shall conduct a postmortem examination of  
15.26 the body or the part in a manner and within a period compatible with its preservation for  
15.27 the purposes of the gift.

15.28       (c) A part may not be removed from the body of a decedent under the jurisdiction  
15.29 of a medical examiner for transplantation, therapy, research, or education unless the part  
15.30 is the subject of an anatomical gift. The body of a decedent under the jurisdiction of the  
15.31 medical examiner may not be delivered to a person for research or education unless the  
15.32 body is the subject of an anatomical gift. This paragraph does not preclude a medical  
15.33 examiner from performing the medicolegal investigation upon the body or parts of a  
15.34 decedent under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner.

16.1       Sec. 23. **[525A.23] FACILITATION OF ANATOMICAL GIFT FROM**  
16.2 **DECEDENT WHOSE BODY IS UNDER JURISDICTION OF MEDICAL**  
16.3 **EXAMINER.**

16.4           (a) Upon request of a procurement organization, a medical examiner shall release to  
16.5 the procurement organization the name, contact information, and available medical and  
16.6 social history of a decedent whose body is under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner.  
16.7 If the decedent's body or part is medically suitable for transplantation, therapy, research,  
16.8 or education, the medical examiner shall release postmortem examination results to  
16.9 the procurement organization. The procurement organization may make a subsequent  
16.10 disclosure of the postmortem examination results or other information received from the  
16.11 medical examiner only if relevant to transplantation or therapy.

16.12           (b) The medical examiner may conduct a medicolegal examination by reviewing  
16.13 all medical records, laboratory test results, x-rays, other diagnostic results, and other  
16.14 information that any person possesses about a donor or prospective donor whose body is  
16.15 under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner which the medical examiner determines  
16.16 may be relevant to the investigation.

16.17           (c) A person that has any information requested by a medical examiner pursuant  
16.18 to paragraph (b) shall provide that information as expeditiously as possible to allow the  
16.19 medical examiner to conduct the medicolegal investigation within a period compatible  
16.20 with the preservation of parts for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or  
16.21 education.

16.22           (d) If an anatomical gift has been or might be made of a part of a decedent whose  
16.23 body is under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner and a postmortem examination  
16.24 is not required, or the medical examiner determines that a postmortem examination is  
16.25 required but that the recovery of the part that is the subject of an anatomical gift will  
16.26 not interfere with the examination, the medical examiner and procurement organization  
16.27 shall cooperate in the timely removal of the part from the decedent for the purpose of  
16.28 transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

16.29           (e) If an anatomical gift of a part from the decedent under the jurisdiction of  
16.30 the medical examiner has been or might be made, but the medical examiner initially  
16.31 believes that the recovery of the part could interfere with the postmortem investigation  
16.32 into the decedent's cause or manner of death, the medical examiner shall consult with  
16.33 the procurement organization or physician or technician designated by the procurement  
16.34 organization about the proposed recovery. After consultation, the medical examiner may  
16.35 allow the recovery.

17.1 (f) Following the consultation under paragraph (e), in the absence of mutually  
17.2 agreed-upon protocols to resolve conflict between the medical examiner and the  
17.3 procurement organization, if the medical examiner intends to deny recovery of an organ  
17.4 for transplantation, the medical examiner or designee, at the request of the procurement  
17.5 organization, shall attend the removal procedure for the part before making a final  
17.6 determination not to allow the procurement organization to recover the part. During  
17.7 the removal procedure, the medical examiner or designee may allow recovery by the  
17.8 procurement organization to proceed, or, if the medical examiner or designee reasonably  
17.9 believes that the part may be involved in determining the decedent's cause or manner of  
17.10 death, deny recovery by the procurement organization.

17.11 (g) If the medical examiner or designee denies recovery under paragraph (f), the  
17.12 medical examiner or designee shall:

17.13 (1) explain in a record the specific reasons for not allowing recovery of the part;

17.14 (2) include the specific reasons in the records of the medical examiner; and

17.15 (3) provide a record with the specific reasons to the procurement organization.

17.16 (h) If the medical examiner or designee allows recovery of a part under paragraph  
17.17 (d), (e), or (f), the procurement organization, upon request, shall cause the physician  
17.18 or technician who removes the part to provide the medical examiner with a record  
17.19 describing the condition of the part, a biopsy, a photograph, and any other information and  
17.20 observations that would assist in the postmortem examination.

17.21 (i) If a medical examiner or designee is required to be present at a removal procedure  
17.22 under paragraph (f), upon request the procurement organization requesting the recovery  
17.23 of the part shall reimburse the medical examiner or designee for the additional costs  
17.24 incurred in complying with paragraph (f).

17.25 **Sec. 24. [525A.24] RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL**  
17.26 **AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT.**

17.27 This chapter modifies, limits, and supersedes the Electronic Signatures in Global and  
17.28 National Commerce Act, United States Code, title 15, section 7001 et seq., but does not  
17.29 modify, limit, or supersede section 101(a) of that act, United States Code, title 15, section  
17.30 7001, or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in section 103(b)  
17.31 of that act, United States Code, title 15, section 7003(b).

17.32 **Sec. 25. REPEALER.**

- 18.1 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 525.921; 525.9211; 525.9212; 525.9213;  
18.2 525.9214; 525.9215; 525.9216; 525.9217; 525.9218; 525.9219; 525.9221; 525.9222;  
18.3 525.9223; and 525.9224, are repealed.

**525.921 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 525.921 to 525.9224 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 1a. **Anatomical gift.** "Anatomical gift" means a donation of all or part of a human body to take effect upon or after death.

Subd. 3. **Decedent.** "Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn infant or an embryo or fetus that has died of natural causes in utero.

Subd. 3a. **Document of gift.** "Document of gift" means a card, a statement attached to or imprinted on a motor vehicle operator's or chauffeur's license, a will, or other writing used to make an anatomical gift.

Subd. 4. **Donor.** "Donor" means an individual who makes an anatomical gift of all or part of the individual's body.

Subd. 4a. **Enucleator.** "Enucleator" means an individual who has completed a course in eye enucleation conducted and certified by the department of ophthalmology of any accredited college of medicine, and holds a valid certificate of competence for completing the course.

Subd. 5. **Hospital.** "Hospital" means a facility licensed, accredited, or approved as a hospital under the laws of any state or a facility operated as a hospital by the United States government, a state, or a subdivision of a state.

Subd. 6. **Part.** "Part" means organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, other fluids and any other portions of a human body.

Subd. 7. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

Subd. 8. **Physician or surgeon.** "Physician" or "surgeon" means an individual licensed or otherwise authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathy and surgery under the laws of any state.

Subd. 8a. **Procurement organization.** "Procurement organization" means a person licensed, accredited, or approved under the laws of any state for procurement, distribution, or storage of human bodies or parts.

Subd. 9. **State.** "State" includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession, and any other area subject to the legislative authority of the United States of America.

Subd. 10. **Technician.** "Technician" means an individual who is appropriately trained to remove or process a part.

**525.9211 MAKING, AMENDING, REVOKING, AND REFUSING TO MAKE ANATOMICAL GIFTS BY INDIVIDUAL.**

Subdivision 1. **Title.** This section may be cited as the "Darlene Luther Anatomical Gift Act."

Subd. 2. **Requirements.** (a) An individual who is at least 18 years of age, or a minor with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, may (i) make an anatomical gift for any of the purposes stated in section 525.9215, paragraph (a), (ii) limit an anatomical gift to one or more of those purposes, or (iii) refuse to make an anatomical gift.

(b) An anatomical gift may be made by a will or by a document of gift signed by the donor. If the donor cannot sign, the document of gift must be signed by another individual and by two witnesses, all of whom have signed at the direction and in the presence of the donor and of each other, and state that it has been so signed.

(c) If a document of gift is attached to or imprinted on a donor's motor vehicle operator's or chauffeur's license, the document of gift must comply with paragraph (b). Revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of the license does not invalidate the anatomical gift.

(d) A document of gift may designate a particular physician or surgeon to carry out the appropriate procedures. In the absence of a designation or if the designee is not available, the donee or other person authorized to accept the anatomical gift may employ or authorize any physician, surgeon, technician, or enucleator to carry out the appropriate procedures.

(e) An anatomical gift by will takes effect upon death of the testator, whether or not the will is probated. If, after death, the will is declared invalid for testamentary purposes, the validity of the anatomical gift is unaffected.

(f) A donor may amend or revoke an anatomical gift, not made by will, only by:

(1) a signed statement;

(2) an oral statement made in the presence of two individuals;

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(3) any form of communication during a terminal illness or injury addressed to a health care professional or member of the clergy; or

(4) the delivery of a signed statement to a specified donee to whom a document of gift had been delivered.

(g) The donor of an anatomical gift made by will may amend or revoke the gift in the manner provided for amendment or revocation of wills, or as provided in paragraph (f).

(h) An anatomical gift that is not revoked by the donor before death is irrevocable and does not require the consent or concurrence of any person after the donor's death. An anatomical gift designation made by a will, a designation on a driver's license or Minnesota identification card made under section 171.07, subdivision 5, or a health care directive under chapter 145C, and not revoked, establishes the intent of the person making the designation and may not be overridden by any other person. For a donor's revocation of an anatomical gift made by a document of gift to be valid, the donor must use one of the methods of revocation in paragraph (f).

(i) An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body or part by (i) a writing signed in the same manner as a document of gift, or (ii) any other writing used to identify the individual as refusing to make an anatomical gift. During a terminal illness or injury, the refusal may be an oral statement or other form of communication.

(j) In the absence of contrary indications by the donor, an anatomical gift of a part is neither a refusal to give other parts nor a limitation on an anatomical gift under section 525.9212 or on a removal or release of other parts under section 525.9213.

(k) In the absence of contrary indications by the donor, a revocation or amendment of an anatomical gift is not a refusal to make another anatomical gift. If the donor intends a revocation to be a refusal to make an anatomical gift, the donor shall make the refusal pursuant to paragraph (i).

**525.9212 MAKING, REVOKING, AND OBJECTING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS, BY OTHERS.**

(a) Any member of the following classes of persons, in the order of priority listed, may make an anatomical gift of all or a part of the decedent's body for an authorized purpose, unless the decedent has made a refusal to make that anatomical gift that is unrevoked at the time of death:

- (1) the spouse of the decedent;
- (2) an adult son or daughter of the decedent;
- (3) either parent of the decedent;
- (4) an adult brother or sister of the decedent;
- (5) a grandparent of the decedent; and
- (6) a guardian of the decedent at the time of death or a health care agent or proxy

appointed by the decedent under a health care directive as defined in section 145C.01, a living will under chapter 145B, or other similar document executed in another state and enforceable under the laws of this state.

(b) An anatomical gift may not be made by a person listed in paragraph (a) if:

- (1) a person in a prior class is available at the time of death to make an anatomical gift;
- (2) the person proposing to make an anatomical gift knows of a refusal or contrary

indications by the decedent; or

(3) the person proposing to make an anatomical gift knows of an objection to making an anatomical gift by a member of the person's class or a prior class.

(c) An anatomical gift by a person authorized under paragraph (a) must be made by (i) a document of gift signed by the person, or (ii) the person's telegraphic, recorded telephonic, or other recorded message, or other form of communication from the person that is contemporaneously reduced to writing and signed by the recipient.

(d) An anatomical gift by a person authorized under paragraph (a) may be revoked by any member of the same or a prior class if, before procedures have begun for the removal of a part from the body of the decedent, the physician, surgeon, technician, or enucleator removing the part knows of the revocation.

(e) A failure to make a decision as to an anatomical gift under paragraph (a) is not an objection to the making of an anatomical gift.

**525.9213 AUTHORIZATION BY CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER OR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL.**

(a) The coroner or medical examiner may release and permit the removal of a part from a body within that official's custody, for transplantation or therapy, if:

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(1) the official has received a request for the part from a hospital, physician, surgeon, or procurement organization;

(2) the official has made a reasonable effort, taking into account the useful life of the part, to locate and examine the decedent's medical records and inform persons listed in section 525.9212, paragraph (a), of their option to make, or object to making, an anatomical gift;

(3) the official does not know of a refusal or contrary indication by the decedent or objection by a person having priority to act as listed in section 525.9212, paragraph (a);

(4) the removal will be by a physician, surgeon, or technician; but in the case of eyes, by one of them or by an enucleator;

(5) the removal will not interfere with any autopsy or investigation; and

(6) the removal will be in accordance with accepted medical standards.

(b) If the body is not within the custody of the coroner or medical examiner, the local public health officer may release and permit the removal of any part from a body in the local public health officer's custody for transplantation or therapy if the requirements of paragraph (a) are met.

(c) An official releasing and permitting the removal of a part shall maintain a permanent record of the name of the decedent, the person making the request, the date and purpose of the request, the part requested, and the person to whom it was released.

**525.9214 ROUTINE INQUIRY AND REQUIRED REQUEST; SEARCH AND NOTIFICATION.**

(a) If, at or near the time of death of a patient, there is no documentation in the medical record that the patient has made or refused to make an anatomical gift, the hospital administrator or a representative designated by the administrator shall discuss with the patient or a relative of the patient the option to make or refuse to make an anatomical gift and may request the making of an anatomical gift pursuant to section 525.9211 or 525.9212. The request must be made with reasonable discretion and sensitivity to the circumstances of the family. A request is not required if the gift is not suitable, based upon accepted medical standards, for a purpose specified in section 525.9215. An entry must be made in the medical record of the patient, stating the name of the individual making the request, and the name, response, and relationship to the patient of the person to whom the request was made.

(b) The following persons shall make a reasonable search for a document of gift or other information identifying the bearer as a donor or as an individual who has refused to make an anatomical gift:

(1) a law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other emergency rescuer finding an individual who the searcher believes is dead or near death;

(2) a hospital or emergency care facility, upon the admission or presentation of an individual at or near the time of death, if there is not immediately available any other source of that information; and

(3) a medical examiner or coroner upon receipt of a body.

(c) If a document of gift or evidence of refusal to make an anatomical gift is located by the search required by paragraph (b), clause (1), and the individual or body to whom it relates is taken to a hospital, the hospital must be notified of the contents and the document or other evidence must be sent to the hospital. If a body is taken to a morgue, the person who discovered the body must notify the person's dispatcher. A dispatcher notified under this section must notify the state's federally designated organ procurement organization and inform the organization of the deceased's name, donor status, and location.

(d) If, at or near the time of death of a patient, a hospital knows that an anatomical gift has been made pursuant to section 525.9212, paragraph (a), or a release and removal of a part has been permitted pursuant to section 525.9213, or that a patient or an individual identified as in transit to the hospital is a donor, the hospital shall notify the donee if one is named and known to the hospital; if not, it shall notify an appropriate procurement organization. The hospital shall cooperate in the implementation of the anatomical gift or release and removal of a part.

(e) A person who fails to discharge the duties imposed by this section is not subject to criminal or civil liability.

**525.9215 PERSONS WHO MAY BECOME DONEES; PURPOSES FOR WHICH ANATOMICAL GIFTS MAY BE MADE.**

(a) The following persons may become donees of anatomical gifts for the purposes stated:

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(1) a hospital, nonprofit organization in medical education and research, physician, surgeon, or procurement organization, for transplantation, therapy, medical or dental education, research, or advancement of medical or dental science;

(2) an accredited medical or dental school, college, or university for education, research, advancement of medical or dental science;

(3) an approved chiropractic college for education; or

(4) a designated individual for transplantation or therapy needed by that individual.

(b) An anatomical gift may be made to a designated donee or without designating a donee. If a donee is not designated or if the donee is not available or rejects the anatomical gift, the anatomical gift may be accepted by any hospital or procurement organization.

(c) If the donee knows of the decedent's refusal or contrary indications to make an anatomical gift or that an anatomical gift by a member of a class having priority to act is opposed by a member of the same class or a prior class under section 525.9212, paragraph (a), the donee may not accept the anatomical gift.

#### **525.9216 DELIVERY OF DOCUMENT OF GIFT.**

(a) Delivery of a document of gift during the donor's lifetime is not required for the validity of an anatomical gift.

(b) If an anatomical gift is made to a designated donee, the document of gift, or a copy, may be delivered to the donee to expedite the appropriate procedures after death. The document of gift, or a copy, may be deposited in any hospital, procurement organization, or registry office that accepts it for safekeeping or for facilitation of procedures after death. On request of an interested person, upon or after the donor's death, the person in possession shall allow the interested person to examine or copy the document of gift.

#### **525.9217 RIGHTS AND DUTIES AT DEATH.**

(a) Rights of a donee created by an anatomical gift are superior to rights of others except with respect to autopsies under section 525.9221, paragraph (b). A donee may accept or reject an anatomical gift. If a donee accepts an anatomical gift of an entire body, the donee, subject to the terms of the gift, may allow embalming and use of the body in funeral services. If the gift is of a part of a body, the donee, upon the death of the donor and before embalming, shall cause the part to be removed without unnecessary mutilation. After removal of the part, custody of the remainder of the body vests in the person under obligation to dispose of the body.

(b) The time of death must be determined by a physician or surgeon who attends the donor at death or, if none, the physician or surgeon who certifies the death. Neither the physician or surgeon who attends the donor at death nor the physician or surgeon who determines the time of death may participate in the procedures for removing or transplanting a part unless the document of gift designates a particular physician or surgeon pursuant to section 525.9211, paragraph (d).

(c) If there has been an anatomical gift, a technician may remove any donated parts and an enucleator may remove any donated eyes or parts of eyes, after determination of death by a physician or surgeon.

#### **525.9218 COORDINATION OF PROCUREMENT AND USE.**

The procurement organizations, after consultation with hospitals, shall establish agreements or affiliations for coordination of procurement and use of human bodies and parts.

#### **525.9219 SALE OR PURCHASE OF PARTS PROHIBITED.**

(a) A person may not knowingly, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell a part for transplantation or therapy, if removal of the part is intended to occur after the death of the decedent.

(b) Valuable consideration does not include reasonable payment for the removal, processing, disposal, preservation, quality control, storage, transportation, or implantation of a part.

(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

#### **525.9221 EXAMINATION, AUTOPSY, APPLICABLE LAW, LIABILITY.**

(a) An anatomical gift authorizes any reasonable examination necessary to assure medical acceptability of the gift for the purposes intended.

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(b) The provisions of sections 525.921 to 525.9224 are subject to the laws of this state governing autopsies.

(c) A hospital, physician, surgeon, coroner, medical examiner, local public health officer, enucleator, technician, or other person, who acts in accordance with sections 525.921 to 525.9224 or with the applicable anatomical gift law of another state or a foreign country or attempts in good faith to do so is not liable for that act in a civil action or criminal proceeding.

(d) An individual who makes an anatomical gift pursuant to section 525.9211 or 525.9212, and the individual's estate are not liable for any injury or damage that may result from the making or the use of the anatomical gift.

(e) The provision or use of any part of a human body, including blood, blood components, bone marrow, or solid organs from living donors, for the purpose of injection, transfusion, or transplantation in the human body is the rendition of a health care service by each person participating in the provision or use and is not a sale of goods, as that term is defined in section 336.2-105, paragraph (1), or a sale of a product.

#### **525.9222 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

Sections 525.921 to 525.9224 apply to a document of gift, revocation, or refusal to make an anatomical gift signed by the donor or a person authorized to make or object to making an anatomical gift before, on, or after the effective date of sections 525.921 to 525.9224.

#### **525.9223 UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.**

Sections 525.921 to 525.9224 shall be applied and construed to effectuate their general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of sections 525.921 to 525.9224 among states enacting it.

#### **525.9224 SHORT TITLE.**

Sections 525.921 to 525.9224 may be cited as the "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (1987)."