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HOUSE BILL No. 1556

DIGEST OF HB 1556 (Updated February 16, 2005 3:02 pm - DI 77)

Citations Affected: IC 29-2.

Synopsis: Anatomical gifts. Requires a coroner to facilitate permission for transplantation of organs, tissues, and eyes. Establishes procedures that a medical examiner or pathologist must follow if the medical examiner or pathologist considers withholding organs or tissues. Requires the procurement organization to provide reimbursement for the cost of organ removal if the medical examiner or pathologist is required to be at the hospital. Provides that if a procurement organization has an agreement to perform anatomical gift services at a hospital the procurement organization is considered the donee for gifts from patients who die at the hospital.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
February 17, 2005, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning anatomical gifts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 29-2-16-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. Except where the
3 context clearly indicates a different meaning, the terms used in this
4 chapter shall be construed as follows:
5 (a) "Bank or storage facility" means a facility licensed, accredited,
6 or approved under the laws of any state for storage of human bodies or
7 parts thereof.
8 (b) "Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn
9 infant or fetus.
10 (c) "Donor" means an individual who makes a gift of all or part of
11 **his the decedent's** body.
12 (d) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed, accredited, or approved
13 under the laws of any state. **The term** includes a hospital operated by
14 the United States government, a state, or a subdivision thereof,
15 although not required to be licensed under state laws.
16 (e) "Part" means organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, other
17 fluids, and any other portions of a human body.

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1 (f) "Person" means an individual, corporation, government or
2 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
3 partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

4 (g) "Physician" or "surgeon" means a physician or surgeon licensed
5 or authorized to practice under the laws of any state.

6 **(h) "Procurement organization" means an organization
7 qualified to recover anatomical gifts from donors.**

8 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** "State" includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory,
9 insular possession, and any other area subject to the legislative
10 authority of the United States of America.

11 SECTION 2. IC 29-2-16-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. The following
13 persons may become donees of gifts of bodies or parts thereof for the
14 purposes stated:

15 (1) any hospital, surgeon, or physician for medical or dental
16 education, research, advancement of medical or dental science,
17 therapy, or transplantation; ~~or~~

18 (2) any accredited medical or dental school, college or university
19 for education, research, advancement of medical or dental
20 science, or therapy; ~~or~~

21 (3) any ~~bank~~ **procurement organization** or storage facility, for
22 medical or dental education, research, advancement of medical or
23 dental science, therapy, or transplantation; or

24 (4) any specified individual for therapy or transplantation needed
25 by ~~him~~: **the individual.**

26 SECTION 3. IC 29-2-16-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4.5. ~~(a)~~ A coroner ~~may~~
28 ~~release and permit~~ **shall facilitate permission for** the removal of ~~a part~~
29 ~~from a body organs, tissues, or eyes~~ within the coroner's custody, for
30 transplantation or therapy only, if all of the following occur:

31 (1) The coroner receives a request ~~for a part~~ from a hospital,
32 physician, surgeon, or procurement organization.

33 (2) The coroner makes a reasonable effort, taking into account the
34 useful life of a part, to locate and examine the decedent's medical
35 records and inform individuals listed in section 2(b) of this
36 chapter of their option to make or object to making a gift under
37 this chapter.

38 (3) The coroner does not know of a refusal or contrary indication
39 by the decedent or an objection by an individual having priority
40 to act as listed in section 2(b) of this chapter.

41 (4) The removal will be by:
42 (A) a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5; or

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- 1 (B) in the case of removal of an eye or part of an eye, by an
 2 individual described in section 4(e) of this chapter; and under
 3 IC 36-2-14-19:
- 4 (5) The removal will not interfere with any autopsy or
 5 investigation.
- 6 (6) The removal will be in accordance with accepted medical
 7 standards.
- 8 (7) Cosmetic restoration will be done, if appropriate.
- 9 (b) If the body is not within the custody of the coroner, the medical
 10 examiner may release and permit the removal of any part from a body
 11 in the medical examiner's custody for transplantation or therapy if the
 12 requirements of subsection (a) are met.
- 13 (c) A person under this section who releases or permits the removal
 14 of a part shall maintain a permanent record of the name of the
 15 decedent, the individual making the request, the date and purpose of
 16 the request, the body part requested, and the person to whom it was
 17 released:
- 18 (2) **The medical examiner or pathologist allows the removal**
 19 **of the organs, tissues, or eyes. If the medical examiner or**
 20 **pathologist considers withholding one (1) or more organs or**
 21 **tissues of a potential donor, the medical examiner or**
 22 **pathologist:**
- 23 (A) shall be present during the removal of the organs or
 24 tissues;
- 25 (B) may request a biopsy of the removed organs; and
- 26 (C) after viewing the removed organs or tissues and
 27 determining that removal may interfere with the death
 28 investigation, may prohibit removal and shall provide a
 29 written explanation to the procurement organization.
- 30 If it is determined that prior removal will interfere with the
 31 death investigation, the procurement organization may
 32 remove the tissues and eyes after the autopsy.
- 33 (3) If the medical examiner or pathologist is required to be at
 34 the hospital to examine the decedent before or during the
 35 removal of the organs, the procurement organization shall
 36 reimburse the county or an entity designated by the county
 37 for actual costs but the amount may not exceed one thousand
 38 dollars (\$1,000).
- 39 (4) If requested by the medical examiner or pathologist, the
 40 person who removes the organs for the procurement
 41 organization shall provide a report detailing the condition of
 42 the organs and the relationship of the organs to the cause of

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death, if any.
SECTION 4. IC 29-2-16-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) Except for a gift made by a donor to a specific donee, a procurement organization that holds an agreement with a hospital to perform anatomical gift donation services for the hospital under 42 U.S.C. 1329b-8 and 42 CFR Part 482 is considered to be the donee of all gifts from patients who have died in the hospital.**
(b) An investigation by a coroner or a medical examiner does not change the rights of a procurement organization to act as the donee.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1556, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning anatomical gifts.

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 29-2-16-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. Except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning, the terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows:

(a) "Bank or storage facility" means a facility licensed, accredited, or approved under the laws of any state for storage of human bodies or parts thereof.

(b) "Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn infant or fetus.

(c) "Donor" means an individual who makes a gift of all or part of ~~his~~ **the decedent's** body.

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(e) "Part" means organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, other fluids, and any other portions of a human body.

(f) "Person" means an individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

(g) "Physician" or "surgeon" means a physician or surgeon licensed or authorized to practice under the laws of any state.

(h) "Procurement organization" means an organization qualified to recover anatomical gifts from donors.

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education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation; or

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

(3) any ~~bank~~ **procurement organization** or storage facility, for medical or dental education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation; or

(4) any specified individual for therapy or transplantation needed by ~~him~~: **the individual**".

Page 1, line 2, strike "(a)".

Page 1, line 2, strike "may".

Page 1, line 3, strike "release and permit" and insert "**shall facilitate permission for**".

Page 1, line 3, strike "a part of the body" and insert "**organs, tissues, or eyes**".

Page 1, line 6, strike "for a part".

Page 1, strike lines 8 through 17.

Page 2, strike line 1.

Page 2, line 2, strike "individual described in section 4(e) of this chapter".

Page 2, line 2, delete "or".

Page 2, line 3, delete "(C) a person described".

Page 2, line 3, strike "under IC 36-2-14-19".

Page 2, strike lines 4 through 17, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) The medical examiner or pathologist allows the removal of the organs, tissues, or eyes. If the medical examiner or pathologist considers withholding one (1) or more organs or tissues of a potential donor, the medical examiner or pathologist:

(A) shall be present during the removal of the organs or tissues;

(B) may request a biopsy of the removed organs; and

(C) after viewing the removed organs or tissues and determining that removal may interfere with the death investigation, may prohibit removal and shall provide a written explanation to the procurement organization.

If it is determined that prior removal will interfere with the death investigation, the procurement organization may remove the tissues and eyes after the autopsy.

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the hospital to examine the decedent before or during the removal of the organs, the procurement organization shall reimburse the county or an entity designated by the county for actual costs but the amount may not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(4) If requested by the medical examiner or pathologist, the person who removes the organs for the procurement organization shall provide a report detailing the condition of the organs and the relationship of the organs to the cause of death, if any."

Page 2, between lines 17 and 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 4. IC 29-2-16-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) Except for a gift made by a donor to a specific donee, a procurement organization that holds an agreement with a hospital to perform anatomical gift donation services for the hospital under 42 U.S.C. 1329b-8 and 42 CFR Part 482 is considered to be the donee of all gifts from patients who have died in the hospital.**

(b) An investigation by a coroner or a medical examiner does not change the rights of a procurement organization to act as the donee."

Page 2, delete lines 18 through 42.

Delete pages 3 through 4.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1556 as introduced.)

BECKER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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