

CHAPTER 73

(Senate Bill 89)

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts - Corneal Transplants

FOR the purpose of establishing the powers, duties, and authority of the Medical Examiner's Office in providing corneal tissue for transplant, dealing generally with the liability of the medical examiner, and generally relating to requirements for corneal transplants.

BY adding to

Article - Estates and Trusts  
Section 4-509.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 4-509.1 be and it is hereby added to Article - Estates and Trusts, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

4-509.1

(A) IN ANY CASE WHERE A PATIENT IS IN NEED OF CORNEAL TISSUE FOR A TRANSPLANT, THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, THE DEPUTY CHIEF, OR AN ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER MAY PROVIDE THE CORNEA UPON THE REQUEST OF THE MEDICAL EYE BANK OF MARYLAND, INCORPORATED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) A DECEDENT WHO MAY PROVIDE A SUITABLE CORNEA FOR THE TRANSPLANT IS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION AND AN AUTOPSY WILL BE REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 22 OF THE CODE;

(2) NO OBJECTION BY THE NEXT OF KIN IS KNOWN BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER; AND

(3) THE CORNEA FOR TRANSPLANT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SUBSEQUENT COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION OR AUTOPSY OR ALTER THE POST MORTEM FACIAL APPEARANCE.