

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 467  
(Senate Bill 535)

AN ACT to repeal subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Section 149 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," and to add new Sections 149E through 149P, inclusive, to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Anatomical Gift Act," to follow immediately after Section 149D thereof, to provide legal authorization before death for donations of all or a part of a human body for the purposes specified; to provide legal authorization for certain designated persons, in the order given, without knowledge of a contrary direction, to give all or part of a decedent's body for the purposes specified; to designate who may become a donee of a gift of a human body or part thereof and the purposes for which such gift may be made; to provide for the manner of making a gift of a human body or part thereof and naming a donee therefor; to provide for the delivery of a gift made; to provide for the manner in which a gift may be revoked; to establish rights of a donee of a gift of a human body or part thereof; to establish who shall determine the time of death of a donor and to limit such person's participation in the transplantation of the gift to another individual; to provide for the release from liability for damages in a civil action of certain persons who act or refuse to act under the provisions of this Act; to provide that this Act shall be subject to the laws of this State prescribing powers and duties with respect to autopsies; and to regulate only gifts of bodies or parts of bodies made after the death of donors.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Section 149 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 149E through 149P, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Anatomical Gift Act," to follow immediately after Section 149D thereof, and to read as follows:

*149E. Legislative intent.*

*Because of the rapid medical progress in the field of tissue and organ preservation, the transplantation of tissue, and tissue culture, and because it is in the public interest to aid the development of this field of medicine, it is the policy and purpose of the General Assembly of Maryland in enacting this Act to encourage and aid*