

Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

(b) In the following counties: Baltimore, Charles, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester the time within which the claim must be presented is one hundred and eighty (180) days.

(c) In the following counties: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Frederick and St. Mary's, the time within which notification of intention to make the claim must be presented is ninety (90) days. In Baltimore City and in all municipal corporations notification of intention to make a claim must be presented within one hundred and eighty (180) days.】

SEC. 2. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED ONLY PROSPECTIVELY AND SHALL NOT BE APPLIED OR INTERPRETED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT UPON OR APPLICATION TO ANY EVENT OR HAPPENING OCCURRING PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

SEC. 2 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 520

(House Bill 518)

AN ACT to add new Section 147A to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Anatomical Gift Act," to authorize the transplantation of an internal organ under certain circumstances, and relating generally to transplantation of internal organs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 147A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Anatomical Gift Act," to read as follows:

147A.

(A) *In any case where a patient is in immediate need for an internal organ as a transplant, the Chief Medical Examiner or his deputy*, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OR THE ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINERS may provide the organ upon the request of the transplanting surgeon under the following conditions:

(a) (1) *a decedent who may provide a suitable organ for the transplant is under their jurisdiction; and*

(b) (2) *a reasonable, unsuccessful search is HAS BEEN made by the treating physician and the hospital where the patient is located to contact the next of kin; and*