

(F) PHYSICIAN OR SURGEON.

"PHYSICIAN" OR "SURGEON" MEANS ANY PHYSICIAN OR SURGEON LICENSED TO PRACTICE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 43, §141. Two subsections are added for organizational purposes. Subsection (d) formerly appeared as part of Art. 43, §142 (b). The only other changes are in style.

4-502. LEGISLATIVE POLICY, PURPOSE OF SUBTITLE.

(A) LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

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 SUBTITLE TO ENCOURAGE AND AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECONSTRUCTIVE MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL RESEARCH BY FACILITATING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PREMORTEM AND POSTMORTEM DONATIONS OF TISSUE AND ORGANS.

(B) PURPOSE OF SUBTITLE.

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO REGULATE ONLY THE GIFT OF A BODY OR PARTS OF A BODY TO BE MADE AFTER THE DEATH OF A DONOR.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 43, §140. It is divided into two subsections for organizational purposes. Only a slight change is made in style.

4-503. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS OF ANATOMICAL GIFT.

(A) COMPETENCE OF DONOR.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER AND WHO IS COMPETENT TO EXECUTE A WILL MAY GIVE ALL OR ANY PART OF HIS BODY FOR ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE. THE GIFT TAKES EFFECT AFTER DEATH OF THE DONOR.

(B) PERSONS WHO MAY MAKE GIFT.

UNLESS HE HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT CONTRARY DIRECTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE DECEDENT, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY STATED, MAY GIVE ALL OR ANY PART