

## Anatomy Board - Control and Distribution of Bodies

FOR the purpose of allowing the Anatomy Board to waive reimbursement of its costs for moving and embalming a body upon a showing of hardship by certain persons; establishing that a donated body is under the exclusive control of the Anatomy Board and establishing procedures for the handling of donated bodies; and providing for the distribution of bodies or body parts to certain medical study programs; and providing that the right of a donor to provide by last will and testament or by contract agreement for the ultimate disposition and repose of his last remains is not precluded by certain provisions of the Code.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 5-406(c) and 5-407  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts  
of the General Assembly of 1982)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 5-406.1 and 5-408.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the  
Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

5-406.

(c) On expiration of 48 hours after death, the body shall be under the exclusive control of the Board and shall be embalmed properly by an individual whom the Board designates. However, any relative or friend of a deceased may claim the body and, on payment to the Board of its costs of moving and embalming the body, shall receive it. THE BOARD MAY WAIVE ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION UPON A SHOWING OF HARDSHIP BY THE RELATIVE OR FRIEND.

5-406.1.

(A) ANY PERSON WHO HAS CUSTODY OF A DONATED BODY IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.