in-the-hospital-to-consent-to-certain--anatomical--donations
from--the--decedent;-adding-a-requirement-that-the-procedure
be-followed-for--deceased--adult--patients--in--addition--to
deceased---minor--patients;--providing--certain--exemptions;
providing-for-the-documentation-of-a-request-under-this-Act;

FOR the purpose of adding a requirement that certain hospital
    officials request certain next of kin of deceased adult
    patients in addition to deceased minor patients who die in
    the hospital to consent to the provision of anatomical
    donations from the decedent; providing for protection from
    civil and criminal liability for certain individuals under
    certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and
    generally relating to requests to consent to the provision
    of anatomical donations from a decedent who dies in a
    hospital in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

        Article - Health - General
        Section 19-310
        Annotated Code of Maryland
        (1982 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

    SECTION 1.   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

                Article - Health - General

19-310.

    (a) As part of a hospital's standard, nonemergency
admission procedures for a patient who needs inpatient or
outpatient care, the hospital administrator or a designated
representative of the administrator shall:

        (1) Ascertain whether the patient is currently an
organ or tissue donor; and

        (2) Include the information under item (1) of this
subsection on the admission form of the patient.

    f(b) (1) In accordance with §§ 5-202 and 5-203 of this
article, when a-minor-patient AN INDIVIDUAL dies in a hospital,
the hospital administrator or a designee of the hospital
administrator shall request, with sensitivity, in the order of
stated priority, that the patient's INDIVIDUAL'S representative
consent to the donation of all or any of the decedent's organs or
tissues as an anatomical donation if suitable.

        (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this
subsection, the representative of the deceased patient INDIVIDUAL