

VETOES

AN ACT concerning

Anatomical Donations---Consent
Hospitals - Requests for Consent for Anatomical Donations

~~FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law that requires a hospital administrator or a designee of the hospital administrator to request that the representative of certain patients consent to an anatomical donation, altering the order of priority for requests for consent for an anatomical donation, and generally relating to anatomical donations:~~

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(b)-(1)-
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.

(b) (1) In accordance with §§ 5-202 and 5-203 of this article, when [a minor patient] AN INDIVIDUAL dies in a hospital,