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# AN ACT

To repeal sections 58.720, 194.210, 194.220, 194.230, 194.233, 194.240, 194.250, 194.260, 194.270, 194.280, 194.290, and 194.304, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-six new sections relating to the uniform anatomical gift act, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

	Section A. Sections 58.720, 194.210, 194.220, 194.230, 194.233, 194.240, 194.250,
2	194.260, 194.270, 194.280, 194.290, and 194.304, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-six new
3	sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 58.720, 58.775, 58.780, 58.785,
4	194.210, 194.215, 194.220, 194.225, 194.230, 194.235, 194.240, 194.245, 194.250, 194.255,
5	194.260, 194.263, 194.265, 194.270, 194.275, 194.280, 194.285, 194.290, 194.292, 194.293,
6	194.294, and 194.304, to read as follows:
	58.720. 1. When any person dies within a county having a medical examiner as a result
2	of:
3	(1) Violence by homicide, suicide, or accident;
4	(2) Thermal, chemical, electrical, or radiation injury;
5	(3) Criminal abortions, including those self-induced;
6	(4) Disease thought to be of a hazardous and contagious nature or which might constitute
7	a threat to public health; or when any person dies:
8	(a) Suddenly when in apparent good health;
9	(b) When unattended by a physician, chiropractor, or an accredited Christian Science
10	practitioner, during the period of thirty-six hours immediately preceding his death;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

(c) While in the custody of the law, or while an inmate in a public institution;

- (d) In any unusual or suspicious manner;
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the police, sheriff, law enforcement officer or official, or any person having knowledge of such
a death shall immediately notify the office of the medical examiner of the known facts
concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of the death.

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18 Immediately upon receipt of notification, the medical examiner or his designated assistant shall 19 take charge of the dead body and fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical 20 causes of death. He may take the names and addresses of witnesses to the death and shall file 21 this information in his office. The medical examiner or his designated assistant shall take 22 possession of all property of value found on the body, making exact inventory thereof on his 23 report and shall direct the return of such property to the person entitled to its custody or 24 possession. The medical examiner or his designated assistant examiner shall take possession of 25 any object or article which, in his opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause of death, and 26 deliver it to the prosecuting attorney of the county.

27 2. When a death occurs outside a licensed health care facility, the first licensed medical 28 professional or law enforcement official learning of such death shall contact the county medical 29 examiner. Immediately upon receipt of such notification, the medical examiner or the medical 30 examiner's deputy shall make a determination if further investigation is necessary, based on 31 information provided by the individual contacting the medical examiner, and immediately advise 32 such individual of the medical examiner's intentions.

33 3. In any case of sudden, violent or suspicious death after which the body was buried
34 without any investigation or autopsy, the medical examiner, upon being advised of such facts,
35 may at his own discretion request that the prosecuting attorney apply for a court order requiring
36 the body to be exhumed.

4. The medical examiner shall certify the cause of death in any case where death
occurred without medical attendance or where an attending physician refuses to sign a certificate
of death, and may sign a certificate of death in the case of any death.

5. When the cause of death is established by the medical examiner, he shall file a copyof his findings in his office within thirty days after notification of the death.

6. When a person is being transferred from one county to another county for medical treatment and such person dies while being transferred, the county from which the person is first removed shall be considered the place of death and the medical examiner of the county from which the person was being transferred shall be responsible for the certificate of death and for investigating the cause and manner of the death. If the coroner or medical examiner in the

47 county in which the person died believes that further investigation is warranted and a postmortem 48 examination is needed, such coroner or medical examiner shall have the right to further investigate and perform the postmortem examination at the expense of such coroner or medical 49 50 examiner and shall be responsible for the certificate of death and for investigating the cause and 51 manner of the death. Such coroner or medical examiner shall immediately notify the coroner 52 or medical examiner of the county from which the person was being transferred of the death of 53 such person and after an investigation is completed shall notify such coroner or medical examiner of his findings. If a person does not die while being transferred and is institutionalized 54 55 after such transfer and subsequently dies while in such institution, the coroner or medical examiner of the county in which the person dies shall immediately notify the coroner or medical 56 examiner of the county from which such person was transferred of the death of such person. In 57 58 such cases, the county in which the deceased was institutionalized shall be considered the place 59 of death.

7. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section, if a person dies in one county and
his body is subsequently transferred to another county, the county coroner or medical examiner
where the death occurred shall be responsible for the certificate of death and for investigating
the cause and manner of the death.

8. In performing his duties, the coroner or medical examiner shall [make reasonable
efforts to accommodate organ donation] comply with sections 58.775 to 58.785 with respect
to organ donation.

58.775. For the purpose of sections 58.775 to 58.785, the definitions in section 2 194.210 are applicable.

58.780. 1. A coroner or medical examiner shall cooperate with a procurement
organization to maximize the opportunity to recover anatomical gifts for the purpose of
transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

2. If a coroner or medical examiner receives notice from a procurement organization that an anatomical gift might be available or was made with respect to a decedent whose body is under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner and a post-mortem examination is going to be performed, unless the coroner or medical examiner denies recovery in accordance with section 58.785, the coroner or medical examiner or designee shall conduct a post-mortem examination of the body or the part in a manner and within a time period compatible with its preservation for the purposes of the gift.

3. A part may not be removed from the body of a decedent under the jurisdiction of a coroner or medical examiner for transplantation, therapy, research, or education unless the part is the subject of an anatomical gift. The body of a decedent under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner may not be delivered to a person for

research or education unless the body is the subject of an anatomical gift. This subsection does not preclude a coroner or medical examiner from performing the medicolegal investigation upon the body or parts of a decedent under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner.

58.785. 1. Upon request of a procurement organization, a coroner or medical 2 examiner shall release to the procurement organization the name, contact information, and 3 available medical and social history of a decedent whose body is under the jurisdiction of 4 the coroner or medical examiner. If the decedent's body or part is medically suitable for transplantation, therapy, research, or education, the coroner or medical examiner shall 5 release post-mortem examination results to the procurement organization. 6 The procurement organization may make a subsequent disclosure of the post-mortem 7 8 examination results or other information received from the corner or medical examiner only if relevant to transplantation or therapy. 9

2. The coroner or medical examiner may conduct a medicolegal examination by reviewing all medical records, laboratory test results, x-rays, other diagnostic results, and other information that any person possesses about a prospective donor or a donor whose body is under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner which the coroner or medical examiner determines may be relevant to the investigation.

3. A person that has any information requested by a coroner or medical examiner under subsection 2 of this section shall provide that information as expeditiously as possible to allow the coroner or medical examiner to conduct the medicolegal investigation within a period compatible with the preservation of parts for purposes of transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

4. If an anatomical gift has been or might be made of a part of a decedent whose body is under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner and a post-mortem examination is not required, or the coroner or medical examiner determines that a postmortem examination is required but that the recovery of the part that is the subject of an anatomical gift will not interfere with the examination, the coroner or medical examiner and procurement organization shall cooperate in the timely removal of the part from the decedent for purposes of transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

5. If an anatomical gift of a part from the decedent under the jurisdiction of the coroner or medical examiner has been or might be made, but the coroner or medical examiner initially believes that the recovery of the part could interfere with the postmortem investigation into the decedent's cause or manner of death, the coroner or medical examiner shall consult with the procurement organization or physician or technician

designated by the procurement organization about the proposed recovery. Afterconsultation, the coroner or medical examiner may allow recovery.

34 6. Following the consultation under subsection 5 of this section, in the absence of mutually agreed upon protocols to resolve conflict between the coroner or medical 35 examiner and the procurement organization, if the coroner or medical examiner intends 36 37 to deny recovery, the coroner or medical examiner or designee, at the request of the procurement organization, shall attend the removal procedure for the part before making 38 39 a final determination not to allow the procurement organization to recover the part. 40 During the removal procedure, the coroner or medical examiner or designee may allow 41 recovery by the procurement organization to proceed, or, if the coroner or medical 42 examiner or designee reasonably believes that the part may be involved in determining the 43 decedent's cause or manner of death, deny recovery by the procurement organization.

7. If the coroner or medical examiner or designee denies recovery under subsection
6 of this section, the coroner or medical examiner or designee shall:

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(1) Explain in a record the specific reasons for not allowing recovery of the part;

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(3) Provide a record with the specific reasons to the procurement organization.

8. If the coroner or medical examiner or designee allows recovery of a part under subsection 4, 5, or 6 of this section, upon request the procurement organization shall cause the physician or technician who removes the part to provide the coroner or medical examiner with a record describing the condition of the part, a biopsy, photograph, and any other information and observations that would assist in the post-mortem examination.

9. If a coroner or medical examiner or designee is required to be present at a removal procedure under subsection 6 of this section, upon request the procurement organization requesting the recovery of the part shall reimburse the coroner or medical examiner or designee for the additional costs incurred in complying with subsection 6 of this section.

194.210. [As used in sections 194.210 to 194.290, the following words and terms mean:

2 (1) "Bank or storage facility", a facility licensed, accredited, or approved under the laws
3 of any state for storage of human bodies or parts thereof;

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(2) "Decedent", a deceased individual and includes a stillborn infant or fetus;

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(3) "Donor", an individual who makes a gift of all or part of his body;

6 (4) "Hospital", a hospital licensed, accredited, or approved under the laws of any state 7 and includes a hospital operated by the United States government, a state, or a subdivision 8 thereof, although not required to be licensed under state laws;

9 (5) "Part", organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, other fluids and any other portions 10 of a human body;

(6) "Person", an individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision oragency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity;

13 (7) "Physician" or "surgeon", a physician or surgeon licensed or authorized to practice14 under the laws of any state;

(8) "State" includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession, and
any other area subject to the legislative authority of the United States of America.] 1. Sections
194.210 to 194.294 shall be known and may be cited as the "Revised Uniform Anatomical
Gift Act".

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2. As used in sections 194.210 to 194.294, the following terms mean:

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(1) "Adult", an individual who is at least eighteen years of age;

21 (2) "Agent", an individual:

(a) Authorized to make health-care decisions on the principal's behalf by a power
 of attorney for health care; or

(b) Expressly authorized to make an anatomical gift on the principal's behalf byany other record signed by the principal;

(3) "Anatomical gift", a donation of all or part of a human body to take effect after
 the donor's death for the purposes of transplantation, therapy, research, or education;

(4) "Decedent", a deceased individual whose body or part is or may be the source
of an anatomical gift;

(5) "Disinterested witness", a witness other than the spouse, child, parent, sibling,
grandchild, grandparent, or guardian of the individual who makes, amends, revokes, or
refuses to make an anatomical gift, or another adult who exhibited special care and
concern for the individual. The term does not include a person to which an anatomical gift
could pass under section 194.255;

(6) "Document of gift", a donor card or other record used to make an anatomical
gift. The term includes a statement or symbol on a driver's license, identification card, or
donor registry;

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(7) "Donor", an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift;

39 (8) "Donor registry", a database that contains records of anatomical gifts and
 40 amendments to or revocations of anatomical gifts;

41 (9) "Driver's license", a license or permit issued by the department of revenue to
42 operate a vehicle whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit;

(10) "Eye bank", a person that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under federal
or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing, processing, storage, or
distribution of human eyes or portions of human eyes;

(11) "Guardian", a person appointed by a court to make decisions regarding the
 support, care, education, health, and welfare of an individual. The term does not include
 a guardian ad litem;

49 (12) "Hospital", a facility licensed as a hospital under the law of any state or a
50 facility operated as a hospital by the United States, a state, or a subdivision of a state;

51 (13) "Identification card", an identification card issued by the department of 52 revenue;

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(14) "Know", to have actual knowledge.

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(15) "Minor", an individual who is under eighteen years of age;

(16) "Organ procurement organization", a person designated by the United States
 Secretary of Health and Human Services as an organ procurement organization;

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(17) "Parent", a parent whose parental rights have not been terminated;

- 58 (18) "Part", an organ, an eye, or tissue of a human being. The term does not 59 include the whole body;
- (19) "Person", an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership,
  limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or
  governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial
  entity;

64 (20) "Physician", an individual authorized to practice medicine or osteopathy
 65 under the law of any state;

66 (21) "Procurement organization", an eye bank, organ procurement organization,
 67 or tissue bank;

68 (22) "Prospective donor", an individual who is dead or near death and has been 69 determined by a procurement organization to have a part that could be medically suitable 70 for transplantation, therapy, research, or education. The term does not include an 71 individual who has made a refusal;

- (23) "Reasonably available", able to be contacted by a procurement organization
  without undue effort and willing and able to act in a timely manner consistent with existing
  medical criteria necessary for the making of an anatomical gift;
- (24) "Recipient", an individual into whose body a decedent's part has been or is
   intended to be transplanted;

(25) "Record", information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored
in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form;

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(26) "Refusal", a record created under section 194.240 that expressly states an
intent to bar other persons from making an anatomical gift of an individual's body or part;
(27) "Sign", with the present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

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(a) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(b) To attach or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or
 process;

(28) "State", a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the
United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
jurisdiction of the United States;

(29) "Technician", an individual determined to be qualified to remove or process
parts by an appropriate organization that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under
federal or state law. The term includes an enucleator;

(30) "Tissue", a portion of the human body other than an organ or an eye. The
term does not include blood unless the blood is donated for purposes of research or
education;

(31) "Tissue bank", a person that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under federal
 or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing, processing, storage, or
 distribution of tissue;

(32) "Transplant hospital", a hospital that furnishes organ transplants and other
 medical and surgical specialty services required for the care of transplant patients.

194.215. Sections 194.210 to 194.294 applies to an anatomical gift or amendment 2 to, revocation of, or refusal to make anatomical gift, whenever made.

194.220. [1. Any individual of sound mind who is at least eighteen years of age may 2 give all or any part of his or her body for any purpose specified in section 194.230, the gift to take effect upon death. Any individual who is a minor and at least sixteen years of age may 3 effectuate a gift for any purpose specified in section 194.230, provided parental or guardian 4 5 consent is deemed given. Parental or guardian consent shall be noted on the minor's donor card, donor's instruction permit or driver's license, as the attorney-in-fact pursuant to subsection 2 of 6 7 this section, or other document of gift. An express gift that is not revoked by the donor before death is irrevocable, and the donee shall be authorized to accept the gift without obtaining the 8 9 consent of any other person. The provisions of this subsection, relating to allowing a minor who 10 is at least sixteen years of age to effectuate a gift for any purpose specified in section 194.230, through the driver's license or instruction permit application process, shall be effective July 1, 11 12 2003.

2. Any of the following persons, in order of priority stated, when persons in prior classesare not available at the time of death, and in the absence of actual knowledge of a gift by the

15 decedent pursuant to subsection 1 of this section or actual notice of contrary indications by the

- 16 decedent or of opposition by a member of the same or a prior class, may give all or any part of
- 17 the decedent's body for any purpose specified in section 194.230:
- (1) An attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney that expressly refers to makinga gift of all or part of the principal's body pursuant to the uniform anatomical gift act;
- 20 (2) The spouse;
- 21 (3) An adult son or daughter;
- 22 (4) Either parent;
- 23 (5) An adult brother or sister;
- 24 (6) A guardian of the person of the decedent at the time of his or her death;
- 25 (7) Any other person authorized or under obligation to dispose of the body.
- 3. If the donee has actual notice of contrary indications by the decedent or that a gift by a member of a class is opposed by a member of the same or a prior class, the donee shall not accept the gift. The persons authorized by subsection 2 of this section may make the gift after or immediately before death.
- 4. A gift of all or part of a body authorizes any examination necessary to assure medicalacceptability of the gift for the purposes intended.
- 5. The rights of the donee created by the gift are paramount to the rights of others except as provided by subsection 4 of section 194.270.] **Subject to section 194.240**, an anatomical gift of a donor's body or part may be made during the life of the donor for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or education in the manner provided in section 194.225 by:
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- (1) The donor, if the donor is an adult or if the donor is a minor and is:
- 38 (a) Emancipated; or
- 39 (b) Authorized under state law to apply for a driver's license because the donor is
  40 at least sixteen years of age;
- 41 (2) An agent of the donor, unless the power of attorney for health care or other
  42 record prohibits the agent from making an anatomical gift;
  - (3) A parent of the donor, if the donor is an unemancipated minor; or
- 44 (4) The donor's guardian.
  - 194.225. 1. A donor may make an anatomical gift:
- 2 (1) By authorizing a statement or symbol indicating that the donor has made an 3 anatomical gift to be imprinted on the donor's driver's license or identification card;
- 4 (2) In a will; or
- 5 (3) During a terminal illness or injury of the donor, by any form of communication 6 addressed to at least two adults at least one of whom is a disinterested witness; or

7 (4) As provided in subsection 2 of this section. 8 2. A donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 194.220 may make a gift by a donor card or other record signed by the donor or other 9 person making the gift or by authorizing that a statement or symbol indicating that the 10 donor has made an anatomical gift be included on a donor registry. If the donor or other 11 12 person is physically unable to sign a record, the record may be signed by another individual at the direction of the donor or the other person and shall: 13 14 (1) Be witnessed by at least two adults at least one of whom is a disinterested witness, who have signed at the request of the donor or the other person; and 15 16 (2) State that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in subdivision (1) of 17 subsection 1 of this section. 18 3. Revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of the driver's license or 19 identification card upon which an anatomical gift is indicated does not invalidate the gift. 20 4. An anatomical gift made by will takes effect upon the donor's death whether or not the will is probated. Invalidation of the will after the donor's death does not invalidate 21 22 the gift. 194.230. [The following persons may become donees of gifts of bodies or parts thereof 2 for the purposes stated: 3 (1) Any hospital, surgeon, or physician, for medical or dental education, research, 4 advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation; or 5 (2) Any accredited medical or dental school, college or university or the state anatomical board for education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, or therapy; or 6 7 (3) Any bank or storage facility, for medical or dental education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation; or 8 9 (4) Any specified individual for therapy or transplantation needed by such individual.] 1. Subject to section 194.240, a donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical 10 gift under section 194.220 may amend or revoke an anatomical gift by: 11 12 (1) A record signed by: 13 (a) The donor; 14 (b) The other person; or 15 (c) Subject to subsection 2 of this section, another individual acting at the direction of the donor or the other person if the donor or other person is physically unable to sign; 16 or 18 (2) A later-executed document of gift that amends or revokes a previous anatomical 19 gift or portion of an anatomical gift, either expressly or by inconsistency.

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20 **2.** A record signed under paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this 21 section shall:

(1) Be witnessed by at least two adults at least one of whom is a disinterested
 witness, who have signed at the request of the donor or the other person; and

(2) State that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in subdivision (1) of
 subsection 2 of this section.

3. Subject to section 194.240, a donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 194.220 may revoke the gift by the destruction or cancellation of the document of gift, or a portion of the document of gift used to make the gift, with the intent to revoke the gift.

4. A donor may amend or revoke an anatomical gift that was not made in a will by
any form of communication during a terminal illness or injury addressed to at least two
adults at least one of whom is a disinterested witness.

5. A donor who makes an anatomical gift in a will may amend or revoke the gift in
 the manner provided for amendment or revocation of wills or as provided in subsection 1
 of this section.

194.235. 1. An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of the individual's 2 body or part by:

3 (1) A record signed by:

4 (a) The individual; or

5 (b) Subject to subsection 2 of this section, another individual acting at the direction
6 of the individual if the individual is physically unable to sign;

7 (2) The individual's will whether or not the will is admitted to probate or 8 invalidated after the individual's death; or

9 (3) Any form of communication made by the individual during the individual's 10 terminal illness or injury addressed to at least two adults at least one of whom is a 11 disinterested witness.

12 2. A record signed under paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this13 section shall:

14 (1) Be witnessed by at least two adults at least one of whom is a disinterested 15 witness, who have signed at the request of the individual; and

16 (2) State that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in subdivision (1) of 17 subsection 2 of this section.

18 **3.** An individual may amend or revoke a refusal:

19 (1) In the manner provided in subsection 1 of this section for making a refusal;

20 (2) By subsequently making an anatomical gift under section 194.225 that is 21 inconsistent with the refusal; or

(3) By the destroying or cancelling of the record evidencing the refusal, or the
portion of the record used to make the refusal, with the intent to revoke the refusal.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 of section 194.240, in the absence of an express, contrary indication by the individual set forth in the refusal, an individual's unrevoked refusal to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body or a part bars all other persons from making an anatomical gift of the individual's body or the part.

194.240. 1. [A gift of all or part of the body under subsection 1 of section 194.220 may
be made by will. The gift becomes effective upon the death of the testator without waiting for
probate. If the will is not probated, or if it is declared invalid for testamentary purposes, the gift,
to the extent that it has been acted upon in good faith, is nevertheless valid and effective.

5 2. A gift of all or part of the body under subsection 1 of section 194.220 may also be 6 made by document other than a will. The gift becomes effective upon the death of the donor. The document, which may be a card designed to be carried on the person, must be signed by the 7 donor in the presence of two witnesses who must sign the document in his presence or before 8 a notary or other official authorized to administer oaths generally. If the donor cannot sign, the 9 document may be signed for him at his direction and in his presence in the presence of two 10 11 witnesses who must sign the document in his presence. Delivery of the document of gift during 12 the donor's lifetime is not necessary to make the gift valid.

3. The gift may be made to a specified donee or without specifying a donee. If the latter, the gift may be accepted by a physician as donee upon or following death. If the gift is made to a specified donee who is not available at the time and place of death or if the gift cannot be implemented, a physician upon or following death, in the absence of any expressed indication that the donor desired otherwise, may accept the gift as donee. The physician who becomes a donee under this subsection shall not participate in the procedures for removing or transplanting a part.

20 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of section 194.270, the donor may 21 designate in his will, card, or other document of gift the surgeon or physician to carry out the 22 appropriate procedures. In the absence of a designation or if the designee is not available, the 23 donee or other person authorized to accept the gift may employ or authorize any surgeon or 24 physician to carry out the appropriate procedures. For the purpose of removing an eye or part 25 thereof, any medical technician employed by a hospital, physician or eye bank and acting under supervision may perform the appropriate procedures. Any medical technician authorized to 26 27 perform such procedure shall successfully complete the course prescribed in section 194.295 for embalmers. 28

5. Any gift by a person designated in subsection 2 of section 194.220 shall be made by a document signed by him or made by his telegraphic, recorded telephonic, or other recorded message.

32 6. A gift of part of the body under subsection 1 of section 194.220 may also be made by 33 a statement on a form which shall be provided on the reverse side of all Missouri motor vehicle 34 licenses issued pursuant to chapter 302, RSMo. The statement to be effective shall be signed by 35 the owner of the license in the presence of two witnesses, who shall sign the statement in the 36 presence of the donor. Use of the form is prima facie evidence that the owner of the license 37 intended to make the anatomical gift, and there shall be no civil or criminal liability for removal of any part of the body indicated on the form by a licensed physician or surgeon. The gift 38 39 becomes effective upon the death of the donor. Delivery of the license during the donor's 40 lifetime is not necessary to make the gift valid. The gift shall become invalidated upon 41 expiration, cancellation, revocation, or suspension of the license, and the gift must be renewed 42 upon renewal of each license. Pertinent medical information which may affect the quality of the 43 gift may be included in the statement of gift.

44 7. Any person eighteen years of age or older, or any person under the age of eighteen 45 with parental consent who indicates the desire to make an organ donation through any method 46 prescribed in this section may also contact the department of health and senior services when 47 completing such form, so that the information may be included in the registry maintained by the 48 department pursuant to subsection 1 of section 194.304. Failure to contact the department of 49 health and senior services shall not be construed to challenge the validity of the organ donation.

50 8. Organ procurement organizations and tissue banks may employ coordinators to assist 51 in the procurement of cadaveric organs and tissue for transplant or research. A coordinator who 52 assists in the procurement of cadaveric organs or tissue for transplantation or research must do 53 so under the direction and supervision of a physician or surgeon. With the exception of organ procurement surgery, this supervision may be indirect supervision. For purposes of this 54 55 subsection, the term "indirect supervision" means that a physician or surgeon is responsible for the medical actions of the coordinator, that the coordinator is acting under protocols expressly 56 57 approved by a physician or surgeon, and that a physician or surgeon is available, in person or by 58 telephone, to provide medical direction, consultation and advice in cases of organ and tissue 59 donation and procurement.

9. The department of health and senior services shall collect information and publish an
annual report which shall include the number of organ and tissue donations made in the state,
the number of organ or tissue donations received by citizens of the state of Missouri, the number
of organ or tissue donations transported outside the state boundaries and the cost of such organ
or tissue donations.] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7 of this section and subject

to subsection 6 of this section, in the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor, a person other than the donor is barred from making, amending, or revoking an anatomical gift of a donor's body or a part if the donor made an anatomical gift of the donor's body or the part under section 194.225 or an amendment to an anatomical gift of the donor's body or the part under section 194.230.

2. A donor's revocation of an anatomical gift of the donor's body or a part under
section 194.230 is not a refusal and does not bar another person specified in section 194.220
or 194.245 from making an anatomical gift of the donor's body or a part under section
194.225 or 194.250.

3. If a person other than the donor makes an unrevoked anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under section 194.225 or an amendment to an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part under section 194.230, another person may not make, amend, or revoke the gift of the donor's body or part under section 194.250.

4. A revocation of an anatomical gift of the donor's body or a part under section
194.230 by a person other than the donor does not bar another person from making an
anatomical gift of the body or a part under section 194.225 or 194.250.

5. In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 194.220, an anatomical gift of a part is neither a refusal to give another part nor a limitation on the making of an anatomical gift of another part at a later time by the donor or another person made by a person.

6. In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift under section 194.220, an anatomical gift of a part for one or more purposes set forth in section 194.220 is not limitation on the making of an anatomical gift of the part for any other purpose by the donor or other person under section 194.225 or 194.250.

7. If a donor who is an unemancipated minor dies, a parent of the donor who is
reasonably available may revoke or amend an anatomical gift of the donor's body or part.
8. If an unemancipated minor who signed a refusal dies, a parent of the minor who

8. If an unemancipated minor who signed a refusal dies, a parent of the minor who
is reasonably available may revoke the minor's refusal.

194.245. 1. Subject to subsections 2 and 3 of this section and unless barred by
section 194.235 or 194.240, an anatomical gift of a decedent's body or part for purposes of
transplantation, therapy, research, or education may be made, in the order of priority
listed, by any member of the following classes of persons who is reasonably available:

5 (1) An agent of the decedent at the time of death who could have made an 6 anatomical gift under subdivision (2) of section 194.220 immediately before the decedent's 7 death;

- 8 (2) The spouse of the decedent;
- 9 (3) Adult children of the decedent;
- 10 (4) Parents of the decedent;
- 11 (5) Adult siblings of the decedent;
- 12 (6) Adult grandchildren of the decedent;
- 13 (7) Grandparents of the decedent;
- 14 (8) An adult who exhibited special care and concern for the decedent;
- 15 (9) The persons who were acting as the guardian of the person of the decedent at 16 the time of death; and
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- (10) Any other person having the authority to dispose of the decedent's body.
- 2. If there is more than one member of a class listed in subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (9) of subsection 1 of this section entitled to make an anatomical gift, an anatomical gift may be made by a member of the class unless that member or a person to which the gift can pass under 194.255 knows of an objection by another member of the class. If an objection is known, the gift may be made only by a majority of the members
- 23 of the class who are reasonably available.
- 3. A person may not make an anatomical gift if, at the time of the decedent's death,
  a person in a prior class under subsection 1 of this section is reasonably available to make
  or to object to the making of an anatomical gift.

194.250. [If the gift is made by the donor to a specified donee, the will, card, or other document, or an executed copy thereof, may be delivered to the donee to expedite the appropriate 2 procedures immediately after death. Delivery is not necessary to the validity of the gift. The 3 will, card, or other document, or an executed copy thereof, may be deposited in any hospital, 4 bank or storage facility or registry office that accepts it for safekeeping or for facilitation of 5 procedures after death. On request of any interested party upon or after the donor's death, the 6 person in possession shall produce the document for examination.] 1. A person authorized to 7 8 make an anatomical gift under section 194.245 may make an anatomical gift by a document 9 of gift signed by the person making the gift or that person's oral communication that is electronically recorded or is contemporaneously reduced to a record and signed by the 10 11 individual receiving the oral communication.

2. Subject to subsection 3 of this section, an anatomical gift by a person authorized
under section 194.245 may be amended or revoked orally or in a record by any member
of a prior class who is reasonably available. If more than one member of the prior class
is reasonably available, the gift made by a person authorized under section 194.245 may
be:

17 (1) Amended only if a majority of reasonably available members agree to the 18 revoking of the gift; or

(2) Revoked only if a majority of the reasonably available members agree to the
 revoking of the gift or if they are equally divided as to whether to revoke the gift.

3. A revocation under subsection 2 of this section is effective only if, before an incision has been made to remove a part from the donor's body or before invasive procedures have begun to prepare the recipient, the procurement organization, transplant hospital, or physician or technician knows of the revocation.

**194.255. 1.** An anatomical gift of a body or part may be made to the following **2** persons:

3 (1) A hospital, accredited medical school, dental school, college, university, or organ
 4 procurement organization, or other appropriate person for research or education;

5 (2) Subject to subsection 2 of this section, an individual designated by the person
6 making the anatomical gift if the individual is the recipient of the part; or

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# (3) A named eye bank or tissue bank.

8 2. If an anatomical gift to an individual under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this 9 section cannot be transplanted into the individual, the part passes in accordance with 10 subsection 7 of this section in the absence of an express, contrary indication by the person 11 making the anatomical gift.

3. If an anatomical gift of one or more specific parts or of all parts is made in a
 document of gift that does not name a person described in subsection 1 of this section but
 identifies the purpose for which an anatomical gift may be used, the following rules apply:

(1) If the part is an eye and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or therapy,
 the gift passes to the appropriate eye bank;

17 (2) If the part is tissue and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or therapy,
18 the gift passes to the appropriate tissue bank;

(3) If the part is an organ and the gift is for the purpose of transplantation or
 therapy, the gift passes to the appropriate organ procurement organization as custodian
 of the organ;

(4) If the part is an organ, an eye, or tissue and the gift is for the purpose of
research or education, the gift passes to the appropriate procurement organization.

4. For the purpose of subsection 3 of this section, if there is more than one purpose of an anatomical gift set forth in the document of gift but the purposes are not set forth in any priority, the gift must be used for transplantation or therapy if suitable. If the gift cannot be used for transplantation or therapy, the gift may be used for research or education.

29 5. If an anatomical gift of one or more specific parts is made in a document of gift that does not name a person described in subsection 1 of this section and does not identify 30 the purpose of the gift, the gift may be used only for transplantation or therapy, and the 31 32 gift passes in accordance with subsection 7 of this section.

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6. If a document of gift specifies only a general intent to make an anatomical gift by words such as "donor", "organ donor", or "body donor", or by a symbol or statement 34 of similar import, the gift may be used only for transplantation or therapy, and the gift 35 36 passes in accordance with subsection 7 of this section.

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7. For purposes of subsections 2, 5, and 6 of this section, the following rules apply:

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(1) If the part is an eye, the gift passes to the appropriate eye bank; (2) If the part is tissue, the gift passes to the appropriate tissue bank;

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40 (3) If the part is an organ, the gift passes to the appropriate organ procurement 41 organization as custodian of the organ.

42 8. An anatomical gift of an organ for transplantation or therapy, other than an anatomical gift under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, passes to the organ 43 procurement organization as custodian of the organ. 44

45 9. If an anatomical gift does not pass under subsections 1 to 8 of this section or the decedent's body or part is not used for transplantation, therapy, research, or education, 46 47 custody of the body or part passes to the person under obligation to dispose of the body or 48 part.

49 10. A person may not accept an anatomical gift if the person knows that the gift was not effectively made under section 194.225 or 194.250 or if the person knows that the 50 decedent made a refusal under section 194.235 that was not revoked. For purposes of this 51 52 subsection, if a person knows that an anatomical gift was made on a document of gift, the person is deemed to know of any amendment or revocation of the gift or any refusal to 53 54 make an anatomical gift on the same document of gift.

55 11. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, nothing in this act affects the allocation of organs for transplantation or therapy. 56

194.260. 1. [If the will, card, or other document or executed copy thereof, has been delivered to a specified donee, the donor may amend or revoke the gift by: 2

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(1) The execution and delivery to the donee of a signed statement, or

4 (2) An oral statement made in the presence of two persons and communicated to the 5 donee, or

(3) A statement during a terminal illness or injury addressed to an attending physician 6 7 and communicated to the donee, or

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(4) A signed card or document found on his person or in his effects.

9 2. Any document of gift which has not been delivered to the donee may be revoked by 10 the donor in the manner set out in subsection 1, or by destruction, cancellation, or mutilation of 11 the document and all executed copies thereof.

- 3. Any gift made by a will may also be amended or revoked in the manner provided for amendment or revocation of wills, or as provided in subsection 1.] The following persons shall make a reasonable search of an individual who the person reasonably believes is dead or near death for a document of gift or other information identifying the individual as a donor or as an individual who made a refusal:
- 17 (1) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other emergency rescuer18 finding the individual; and

19 (2) If no other source of the information is immediately available, a hospital, as
 20 soon as practical after the individual's arrival at the hospital.

21 **2.** If a document of gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift is located by the 22 search required by subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section and the individual or 23 deceased individual to whom it relates is taken to a hospital, the person responsible for 24 conducting the search shall send the document of gift or refusal to the hospital.

3. A person is not subject to criminal or civil liability for failing to discharge the
 duties imposed by this section but may be subject to administrative sanctions.

**194.263. 1. A document of gift need not be delivered during the donor's lifetime to** 2 **be effective.** 

2. Upon or after an individual's death, a person in possession of a document of gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift with respect to the individual shall allow examination and copying of the document of gift or refusal by a person authorized to make or object to the making of an anatomical gift with respect to the individual or by a person to which the gift could pass under section 194.255.

194.265. 1. When a hospital refers an individual at or near death to a procurement organization, the organization shall make a reasonable search of any donor registry and other applicable records that it knows exist for the geographical area in which the individual resides to ascertain whether the individual has made an anatomical gift.

5 2. A procurement organization must be allowed reasonable access to information 6 in the records of the department of health and senior services and department of revenue 7 to ascertain whether an individual at or near death is a donor.

8 3. When a hospital refers an individual at or near death to a procurement 9 organization, the organization may conduct any reasonable examination necessary to 10 ensure the medical suitability of a part that is or could be the subject of an anatomical gift 11 for transplantation, therapy, research, or education from a donor or a prospective donor.

During the examination period, measures necessary to ensure the medical suitability of the 12

13 part may not be withdrawn unless the hospital or procurement organization knows that 14 the individual expressed a contrary intent.

15 4. Unless prohibited by law other than this act, at any time after a donor's death, the person to which a part passes under section 194.255 may conduct any reasonable 16 17 examination necessary to ensure the medical suitability of the body or part for its intended 18 purpose.

19 5. Unless prohibited by law other than this act, an examination under subsection 20 3 or 4 of this section may include an examination of all medical records of the donor or 21 prospective donor.

22 6. Upon the death of a minor who was a donor or had signed a refusal, unless a 23 procurement organization knows the minor is emancipated, the procurement organization 24 shall conduct a reasonable search for the parents of the minor and provide the parents 25 with an opportunity to revoke or amend the anatomical gift or revoke a refusal.

26 7. Upon referral by a hospital under subsection 1 of this section, a procurement 27 organization shall make a reasonable search for any person listed in section 194.245 having 28 priority to make an anatomical gift on behalf of a prospective donor. If a procurement 29 organization receives information that an anatomical gift to any other person was made, 30 amended, or revoked, it shall promptly advise the other person of all relevant information.

31 8. Subject to subsection 8 of section 194.255 and section 58.785, RSMo, the rights of the person to which a part passes under section 194.255 are superior to rights of all 32 others with respect to the part. The person may accept or reject an anatomical gift in 33 34 whole or in part. Subject to the terms of the document of gift and this act, a person that 35 accepts an anatomical gift of an entire body may allow embalming or cremation and use of remains in a funeral service. If the gift is of a part, the person to which the part passes 36 37 under section 194.255, upon the death of the donor and before embalming, burial, or 38 cremation, shall cause the part to be removed without unnecessary mutilation.

39 9. Neither the physician who attends the decedent at death nor the physician who 40 determines the time of the decedent's death may participate in the procedures for removing or transplanting a part from the decedent. 41

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10. A physician or technician may remove a donated part from the body of a donor 43 that the physician or technician is qualified to remove.

194.270. [1. The donee may accept or reject the gift. If the donee accepts a gift of the entire body, he may, subject to the terms of the gift, authorize embalming and the use of the body 2 3 in funeral services. If the gift is of a part of the body, the donee, upon the death of the donor and 4 prior to embalming, shall cause the part to be removed without unnecessary mutilation. After

5 removal of the part, custody of the remainder of the body vests in the surviving spouse, next of6 kin, or other persons under obligation to dispose of the body.

2. The time of death shall be determined by a physician who tends the donor at his death,
or, if none, the physician who certifies the death. The physician shall not participate, directly or
indirectly, in the procedures for removing or transplanting a part or be a relative within the fourth
degree of consanguinity of any donee of a body or part thereof which is removed or transplanted.

3. A person who acts without negligence and in good faith in accord with the terms of this act or with the anatomical gift laws of another state or a foreign country is not liable for damages in any civil action or subject to prosecution in any criminal proceeding for his act.

4. The provisions of this act are subject to the laws of this state prescribing powers and
duties with respect to autopsies.] Each hospital in this state, shall enter into agreements or
affiliations with procurement organizations for coordination of procurement and use of
anatomical gifts.

194.275. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of this section, a person that for valuable consideration, knowingly purchases or sells a part for transplantation or therapy if removal of a part from an individual is intended to occur after the individual's death commits a felony and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

6 2. A person may charge a reasonable amount for the removal, processing, 7 preservation, quality control, storage, transportation, implantation, or disposal of a part.

194.280. [Sections 194.210 to 194.290 shall be so construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.] **Any person that in order to obtain a financial gain intentionally falsifies, forges, conceals, defaces, or obliterates a document of gift, an amendment or revocation of a document of gift, or a refusal commits a felony and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars or 6 imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.** 

194.285. 1. A person that acts in accordance with this act or with the applicable anatomical gift law of another state or attempts in good faith to do so is not liable for the act in a civil action, criminal prosecution, or administrative proceeding.

4 2. Neither the person making an anatomical gift nor the donor's estate is liable for
5 any injury or damage that results from the making or use of the gift.

6 3. In determining whether an anatomical gift has been made, amended, or revoked 7 under sections 194.210 to 194.294, a person may rely upon representations of individuals 8 listed in subdivisions (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection 1 of section 194.245 9 relating to the individual's relationship to the donor or prospective donor unless the person 10 knows that representation is untrue.

194.290. [Sections 194.210 to 194.290 may be cited as the "Uniform Anatomical Gift 2 Act".] **1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:** 

3 (1) "Advance health-care directive", a power of attorney for health care or record
4 signed by a prospective donor containing the prospective donor's direction concerning a
5 health-care decision for the prospective donor;

- 6 (2) "Declaration", a record signed by a prospective donor specifying the 7 circumstances under which a life support system may be withheld or withdrawn;
- 8 (3) "Health-care decision", any decision made regarding the health care of the 9 prospective donor.

2. If a prospective donor has a declaration or advance health-care directive
 measures necessary to insure the medical suitability of an organ for transplantation or
 therapy may not be withheld or withdrawn from the prospective donor.

194.292. 1. A document of gift is valid if executed in accordance with:

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(2) The laws of the state or country where it was executed; or

(1) Sections 194.210 to 194.294;

4 (3) The laws of the state or country where the person making the anatomical gift 5 was domiciled, has a place of residence, or was a national at the time the document of gift 6 was executed.

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2. If a document of gift is valid under this section, the law of this state governs the
8 interpretation of the document of gift.

9 **3.** A person may presume that a document of gift or amendment of an anatomical 10 gift is valid unless that person knows that it was not validly executed or was revoked.

194.293. In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

194.294. Sections 194.210 to 194.294 modifies, limits, and supersedes the Electronic
Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et. seq., but does
not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(a) of that Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001, or

4 authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b) of that Act,

5 15 U.S.C. Section 7003(b).

194.304. 1. The department of health and senior services [shall maintain a registry of organ donors. The registry shall record any person who indicates through any means, including completing the reverse side of a license to operate a motor vehicle as prescribed in subsection 6 of section 194.240, that the person desires to make an organ donation upon the person's death. Information in such registry shall be released only to appropriate persons or organizations designated by the advisory committee.

2. Any person who has previously put his or her name on the organ donor registry may
have that name deleted by filing the appropriate form with the department of health and senior
services.] may establish or contract for the establishment of a donor registry.

2. The department of revenue shall cooperate with any donor registry that this state establishes, contracts for, or recognizes for the purpose of transferring to the donor registry all relevant information regarding a donor's making, amendment to, or revocation of an anatomical gift.

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3. A donor registry shall:

(1) Allow a donor or other person authorized under section 194.220 to include on
 the donor registry a statement or symbol that the donor has made, amended, or revoked
 an anatomical gift;

18 (2) Be accessible to a procurement organization to allow it to obtain relevant 19 information on the donor registry to determine, at or near death of the donor or a 20 prospective donor, whether the donor or prospective donor has made, amended, or 21 revoked an anatomical gift; and

(3) Be accessible for purposes of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection seven
days a week on a twenty-four-hour basis.

4. Personally identifiable information on a donor registry about a donor or prospective donor may not be used or disclosed without the express consent of the donor, prospective donor, or the person that made the anatomical gift for any purpose other than to determine, at or near death of the donor or a prospective donor, whether the donor or prospective donor has made, amended, or revoked an anatomical gift.

5. This section does not prohibit any person from creating or maintaining a donor
registry that is not established by or under contract with the state. However, the registry
must comply with subsections 3 and 4 of this section.

[194.233. 1. The chief executive officer of each hospital in this state shall designate one or more trained persons to request anatomical gifts which persons shall not be connected with determination of death. The hospital official may designate a representative of an organ or tissue procurement organization to request consent.

6 2. When there is a patient who is a suitable candidate for organ or tissue 7 donation based on hospital accepted criteria the designee shall request consent 8 to a donation from the persons authorized to give consent as specified in 9 subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection 2 of section 194.220. The 10 request shall be made in the order of priority stated in subsection 2 of section 194.220. When the hospital cannot, from available information, ascertain that the 11 12 patient has next-of-kin authorized to give consent as specified in subdivision (2), 13 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection 2 of section 194.220, then the hospital shall

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notify and request consent to a donation from a member of the class described in
subdivision (7) of subsection 2 of section 194.220. Such notification to a
member of the class described in subdivision (7) of subsection 2 of section
194.220 shall occur before death where practicable.

3. No request shall be required if the hospital designee has actual notice
of a gift by the decedent under subsection 1 of section 194.220 or actual notice
of contrary indications by the decedent.

4. Consent shall be obtained by the methods specified in section 194.240.

5. Where a donation is requested, the designee shall verify such request in the patient's medical record. Such verification of request for organ donation shall include a statement to the effect that a request for consent to an anatomical gift has been made, and shall further indicate thereupon whether or not consent was granted, the name of the person granting or refusing the consent, and his or her relationship to the decedent.

6. Upon the approval of the designated next of kin or other individual, as set forth in subsection 2 of section 194.220, the hospital shall then notify an organ or tissue procurement organization and cooperate in the procurement of the anatomical gift or gifts pursuant to applicable provisions of sections 194.210 to 194.290.

7. No hospital shall have an obligation to retrieve the organ or tissue
donated pursuant to this section.]

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