HB 723 -- Uniform Anatomical Gift Act

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This bill changes the laws regarding the Uniform Anatomical Gift
Act, promotes uniformity of the law among states, and defines
"anatomical gift" as a donation of all or part of a human body
after death.  In its main provisions, the bill:

(1)  Requires coroners and medical examiners to cooperate with a
procurement organization to maximize the opportunity to recover
anatomical gifts;

(2)  Specifies additional requirements for coroners and medical
examiners to follow regarding anatomical gifts;

(3)  Specifies which documents are acceptable to make an
anatomical gift;

(4)  Specifies how an anatomical gift can be revoked;

(5)  Allows an individual to refuse to make an anatomical gift;

(6)  Specifies who is authorized to make an anatomical gift of a
deceased individual's body;

(7)  Specifies to whom an anatomical gift can be made;

(8)  Allows emergency personnel and hospital staff to search a
deceased or near death individual for documentation as a donor;

(9)  Specifies that upon referral of a potential donor, a
procurement organization will search an organ donor registry and
other applicable records to determine if the individual has made
an anatomical gift;

(10)  Allows a procurement organization to conduct a medical exam
to ensure medical suitability of the donation;

(11)  Specifies that neither the attending physician at death nor
the physician who determines time of death can participate in the
removal or transplantation of a body part of the deceased;

(12)  Specifies that a person who knowingly purchases or sells a
body part for transplantation will be guilty of a felony and
subject to a fine of not greater than $50,000, imprisonment not
exceeding five years, or both;

(13)  Specifies that the Department of Health and Senior Services
can establish a donor registry and requires the Department of

Revenue to cooperate with a state-established registry; and

(14)  Allows individuals to create or maintain a donor registry that is not established by or in contract with the state.