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ORGAN DONATIONS

House Bill 5015

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5015 AS INTRODUCED 10-19-99

The bill would amend several provisions of the Public Health Code pertaining to organ donations. Under current law, organ donations can be made to a bank or storage facility for medical or dental education, research advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation. The bill would specify that this would include, but not be limited to, the federally designated organ procurement organization in whose service area the gift was made.

In addition, the code has established a protocol for hospital personnel to follow in regards to asking the family members of a dying or recently deceased person for a donation of all or any physical part of the decedent's body. The bill would add that the person making the request for an organ donation could provide the person to whom the request was made with a document of gift that conforms with the code's requirements for a uniform donor card.

Further, under current law, a person may donate his or her body or body parts to any hospital, surgeon, or physician for medical or dental education, research advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation. The bill would amend the provision, with regard to hospitals, to instead refer to "a hospital that is a local or regional transplantation center." Lastly, if a hospital became a donee of an organ or other body part that was designated for transplantation but did not have a patient who needed that type of transplant, the hospital would be required to offer the donated organs to another hospital that was a local or regional transplantation center or to the federally designated organ procurement organization in whose service area the hospital was located.

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