

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 481

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-292.2, relating to establishment of an Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

[H 1257]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-292.2 as follows:

§ 32.1-292.2. Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

A. There is hereby established an Organ and Tissue Donor Registry for the Commonwealth to be administered by the Department of Health. The registry shall maintain, and update as needed, the pertinent information on all Virginians who have indicated a willingness to donate in accordance with § 32.1-290.

B. The registry and all information therein shall be confidential and subject to access only by the Department and designated organ procurement organizations, eye banks and tissue banks, operating in or serving Virginia and which are members of the Virginia Transplant Council, for the purpose of identifying a potential donor according to the provisions of § 32.1-127.1 or subsection F of § 46.2-342.

C. The purpose of the registry shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Providing a means of recovering an anatomical gift for transplantation or research as authorized by § 32.1-295 and subsection F of § 46.2-342; and

2. Collecting data to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of educational initiatives promoting organ, eye and tissue donation.

D. The Board, in consultation with the Virginia Transplant Council, shall promulgate regulations necessary to administer the organ and tissue donor registry. The regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Recording the data subject's full name, address, sex, birth date, age, driver's license number or unique identifying number, and other pertinent identifying personal information;

2. Delegating authority to the Virginia Transplant Council to analyze registry data under research protocols directed toward determination and identification of means to promote and increase organ, eye, and tissue donation within the Commonwealth; and

3. Providing that any Virginian whose name has been placed in the registry may have his name deleted by filing an appropriate form with the Virginia Transplant Council or in accordance with subsections E and F of § 32.1-290 or subsection G of § 46.2-342.

2. That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act within 280 days of enactment.