

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

## CHAPTER 73

*An Act to require the Department of Health to convene a work group to establish policies and procedures for making anatomical gifts for the purpose of search and rescue dog training.*

[H 202]

Approved March 1, 2016

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1.** *§ 1. That the Department of Health shall convene a work group of stakeholders, which shall include representatives of the Department of Health, the Department of Emergency Management, the State Anatomical Program, procurement organizations, and local search and rescue teams and organizations, to (i) identify and evaluate options for using human remains donated to search and rescue teams and organizations as anatomical gifts for the purpose of training dogs to find human remains during search and rescue operations and (ii) establish policies and procedures to govern the process of using anatomical gifts for such purpose. In conducting its work, the work group shall respect the sensitive nature of donation for donors and families of decedents and assure that all policies and procedures reflect and incorporate this understanding. The work group shall report its activities, findings, and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.*