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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Offered January 27, 2000

Nominating persons to be elected to juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

RESOLVED by the Senate, That the following persons are hereby nominated to be elected to the respective juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships as follows:

The Honorable B. Bryan Milbourne, of Accomack, as a judge of Judicial District 2-A for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Joel P. Crowe, of Portsmouth, as a judge of the Third Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable William P. Williams, of Norfolk, as a judge of the Fourth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing June 1, 2000.

The Honorable Samuel E. Campbell, of Prince George, as a judge of the Sixth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing March 1, 2000.

The Honorable James H. Smith, of Poquoson, as a judge of the Ninth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing October 1, 2000.

The Honorable Michael M. Rand, of Halifax, as a judge of the Tenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable Frederick G. Rockwell, III, of Chesterfield, as a judge of the Twelfth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing April 1, 2000.

The Honorable Kimberly B. O'Donnell, of Richmond, as a judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing October 1, 2000.

The Honorable A. Elisabeth Oxenham, of Henrico, as a judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Frank W. Somerville, of Orange, as a judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry, of Charlottesville, as a judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable Jannene L. Shannon, of Charlottesville, as a judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable Nolan B. Dawkins, of Alexandria, as a judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Charles J. Maxfield, of Fairfax, as a judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing May 16, 2000.

The Honorable Gaylord L. Finch, Jr., of Fairfax, as a judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Gayl Branum Carr, of Fairfax, as a judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing August 1, 2000.

The Honorable David A. Melesco of Franklin, as a judge of the Twenty-second Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable John B. Ferguson, of Roanoke, as a judge of the Twenty-third Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable Joseph P. Bounds, of Roanoke, as a judge of the Twenty-third Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Dale H. Harris, of Lynchburg, as a judge of the Twenty-fourth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing March 15, 2000.

The Honorable Harrison May, of Staunton, as a judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing March 15, 2000.

The Honorable Dudley J. Emick, Jr. of Botetourt, as a judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood, of Pulaski, as a judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District for a term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

The Honorable Eugene E. Lohman, of Washington, as a judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2000.

The Honorable Charles F. Lincoln, of Smyth, as a judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District for a

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60 term of six years commencing February 1, 2000.

61 # HOUSE BILL NO. 1090

62 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

63 (Proposed by the House Committee on/for _____
64 on _____)

65 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Bryant)

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

67 **1. That §§ 32.1-127, 32.1-127.1, 32.1-127.1:03, 32.1-287, 32.1-289, 32.1-290, 32.1-292.1, 46.2-342,**
68 **54.1-2984, and 54.1-2986 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
69 § 32.1-127. Regulations.

70 A. The regulations promulgated by the Board to carry out the provisions of this article shall be in
71 substantial conformity to the standards of health, hygiene, sanitation, construction and safety as
72 established and recognized by medical and health care professionals and by specialists in matters of
73 public health and safety, including health and safety standards established under provisions of Title
74 XVIII and Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and to the provisions of Article 2 (§ 32.1-138 et seq.)
75 of this chapter.

76 B. Such regulations:

77 1. Shall include minimum standards for (i) the construction and maintenance of hospitals, nursing
78 homes and certified nursing facilities to assure the environmental protection and the life safety of its
79 patients and employees and the public; (ii) the operation, staffing and equipping of hospitals, nursing
80 homes and certified nursing facilities; (iii) qualifications and training of staff of hospitals, nursing homes
81 and certified nursing facilities, except those professionals licensed or certified by the Department of
82 Health Professions; and (iv) conditions under which a hospital or nursing home may provide medical
83 and nursing services to patients in their places of residence;

84 2. Shall provide that at least one physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this
85 Commonwealth shall be on call at all times, though not necessarily physically present on the premises,
86 at each hospital which operates or holds itself out as operating an emergency service;

87 3. May classify hospitals and nursing homes by type of specialty or service and may provide for
88 licensing hospitals and nursing homes by bed capacity and by type of specialty or service;

89 4. Shall also require that each hospital establish a *protocol for organ donation, in compliance with*
90 *federal law and the regulations of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), particularly 42*
91 *CFR § 482.45. Each hospital shall have an agreement with an organ procurement organization*
92 *designated in HCFA regulations for routine contact protocol which ensures that contact, whereby the*
93 *provider's designated organ procurement organization certified by HCFA (i) is notified in a timely*
94 *manner of all deaths or imminent deaths of patients in the hospital; and (ii) is authorized to determine*
95 *the suitability of the decedent or patient for organ donation and, in the absence of a similar*
96 *arrangement with any eye bank or tissue bank in Virginia certified by the Eye Bank Association of*
97 *America or the American Association of Tissue Banks, the suitability for tissue and eye donation. The*
98 *hospital shall also have an agreement with at least one tissue bank and at least one eye bank to*
99 *cooperate in the retrieval, processing, preservation, storage, and distribution of tissues and eyes to*
100 *ensure that all usable tissues and eyes are obtained from potential donors and to avoid interference with*
101 *organ procurement. The protocol shall ensure that the hospital collaborates with the designated organ*
102 *procurement organization to inform the family of each potential donor of the option to donate organs,*
103 *tissues, or eyes or to decline to donate. The individual making contact with the family shall have*
104 *completed a course in the methodology for approaching potential donor families and requesting organ*
105 *or tissue donation that (i) is offered or approved by the organ procurement organization and designed*
106 *in conjunction with the tissue and eye bank community, and (ii) encourages discretion and sensitivity*
107 *according to the specific circumstances, views, and beliefs of the relevant family. In addition, the*
108 *hospital shall work cooperatively with the designated organ procurement organization in educating the*
109 *staff responsible for contacting the organ procurement organization's personnel on donation issues, the*
110 *proper review of death records to improve identification of potential donors, and the proper procedures*
111 *for maintaining potential donors while necessary testing and placement of potential donated organs,*
112 *tissues, and eyes takes place. This process shall be followed, without exception, unless the families*
113 *family of suitable organ and tissue donors are offered the opportunity by the relevant decedent or patient*
114 *has expressed opposition to organ donation, the chief administrative officer of the hospital or his*
115 *designee to consider organ, tissue and eye donation knows of such opposition, and no donor card or*
116 *other relevant document, such as an advance directive, can be found;*

117 5. Shall require that each hospital that provides obstetrical services establish a protocol for admission
118 or transfer of any pregnant woman who presents herself while in labor;

119 6. Shall also require that each licensed hospital develop and implement a protocol requiring written
120 discharge plans for identified, substance-abusing, postpartum women and their infants. The protocol shall
121 require that the discharge plan be discussed with the patient and that appropriate referrals for the mother

122 and the infant be made and documented. Appropriate referrals may include, but need not be limited to,
 123 treatment services, comprehensive early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities
 124 and their families pursuant to Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.
 125 § 1471 et seq., and family-oriented prevention services. The discharge planning process shall involve, to
 126 the extent possible, the father of the infant and any members of the patient's extended family who may
 127 participate in the follow-up care for the mother and the infant. Immediately upon identification, pursuant
 128 to § 54.1-2403.1, of any substance-abusing, postpartum woman, the hospital shall notify, subject to
 129 federal law restrictions, the community services board of the jurisdiction in which the woman resides to
 130 appoint a discharge plan manager. The community services board shall implement and manage the
 131 discharge plan;

132 7. Shall require that each nursing home and certified nursing facility fully disclose to the applicant
 133 for admission the home's or facility's admissions policies, including any preferences given;

134 8. Shall require that each licensed hospital establish a protocol relating to the rights and
 135 responsibilities of patients which shall include a process reasonably designed to inform patients of such
 136 rights and responsibilities. Such rights and responsibilities of patients, a copy of which shall be given to
 137 patients on admission, shall be based on Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations'
 138 standards; and

139 9. Shall establish standards and maintain a process for designation of levels or categories of care in
 140 neonatal services according to an applicable national or state-developed evaluation system. Such
 141 standards may be differentiated for various levels or categories of care and may include, but need not be
 142 limited to, requirements for staffing credentials, staff/patient ratios, equipment, and medical protocols.

143 C. Upon obtaining the appropriate license, if applicable, licensed hospitals, nursing homes, and
 144 certified nursing facilities may operate adult day care centers.

145 D. All facilities licensed by the Board pursuant to this article which provide treatment or care for
 146 hemophiliacs and, in the course of such treatment, stock clotting factors, shall maintain records of all lot
 147 numbers or other unique identifiers for such clotting factors in order that, in the event the lot is found to
 148 be contaminated with an infectious agent, those hemophiliacs who have received units of this
 149 contaminated clotting factor may be apprised of this contamination. Facilities which have identified a lot
 150 which is known to be contaminated shall notify the recipient's attending physician and request that he
 151 notify the recipient of the contamination. If the physician is unavailable, the facility shall notify by mail,
 152 return receipt requested, each recipient who received treatment from a known contaminated lot at the
 153 individual's last known address.

154 § 32.1-127.1. Immunity from liability for routine contact for organ and tissue donation.

155 Any chief administrative officer of a hospital or his designee who ~~performs~~ *administers* the routine
 156 ~~contact~~ *referral* required by § 32.1-127 and any representative of any organ procurement organization or
 157 eye or tissue bank who ~~requests~~ *receives notice of a death or imminent death, determines the suitability*
 158 *of the decedent or patient for organ donation, makes contact with the family of a decedent or patient to*
 159 *request* the donation of organs, tissues or eyes, or assists or performs the removal of any donated
 160 organs, tissues or eyes shall be immune from civil liability for any act, decision, or omission or
 161 statement made in accordance with the provisions of § 32.1-127 and, the regulations of the Board, and
 162 *the provisions of the Health Care Financing Administration's regulations on routine referral and organ*
 163 *donation*, unless he was grossly negligent or acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.

164 § 32.1-127.1:03. Patient health records privacy.

165 A. There is hereby recognized a patient's right of privacy in the content of a patient's medical record.
 166 Patient records are the property of the provider maintaining them, and, except when permitted by this
 167 section or by another provision of state or federal law, no provider, or other person working in a health
 168 care setting, may disclose the records of a patient.

169 Patient records shall not be removed from the premises where they are maintained without the
 170 approval of the provider, except in accordance with a court order or subpoena consistent with § 8.01-413
 171 C or with this section or in accordance with the regulations relating to change of ownership of patient
 172 records promulgated by a health regulatory board established in Title 54.1.

173 No person to whom disclosure of patient records was made by a patient or a provider shall redisclose
 174 or otherwise reveal the records of a patient, beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made,
 175 without first obtaining the patient's specific consent to such redisclosure. This redisclosure prohibition
 176 shall not, however, prevent (i) any provider who receives records from another provider from making
 177 subsequent disclosures as permitted under this section or (ii) any provider from furnishing records and
 178 aggregate or other data, from which patient-identifying prescription information has been removed,
 179 encoded or encrypted, to qualified researchers, including, but not limited to, pharmaceutical
 180 manufacturers and their agents or contractors, for purposes of clinical, pharmaco-epidemiological,
 181 pharmaco-economic, or other health services research.

182 B. As used in this section:

183 "Agent" means a person who has been appointed as a patient's agent under a power of attorney for
184 health care or an advance directive under the Health Care Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.).

185 "Guardian" means a court-appointed guardian of the person.

186 "Health services" includes, but is not limited to, examination, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment,
187 pharmaceuticals, aftercare, habilitation or rehabilitation and mental health therapy of any kind.

188 "Parent" means a biological, adoptive or foster parent.

189 "Patient" means a person who is receiving or has received health services from a provider.

190 "Patient-identifying prescription information" means all prescriptions, drug orders or any other
191 prescription information that specifically identifies an individual patient.

192 "Provider" shall have the same meaning as set forth in the definition of "health care provider" in
193 § 8.01-581.1, except that state-operated facilities shall also be considered providers for the purposes of
194 this section. Provider shall also include all persons who are licensed, certified, registered or permitted by
195 any of the health regulatory boards within the Department of Health Professions, except persons
196 regulated by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers or the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

197 "Record" means any written, printed or electronically recorded material maintained by a provider in
198 the course of providing health services to a patient concerning the patient and the services provided.

199 "Record" also includes the substance of any communication made by a patient to a provider in
200 confidence during or in connection with the provision of health services to a patient or information
201 otherwise acquired by the provider about a patient in confidence and in connection with the provision of
202 health services to the patient.

203 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any of the following:

204 1. The status of and release of information governed by §§ 65.2-604 and 65.2-607 of the Virginia
205 Workers' Compensation Act; or

206 2. Except where specifically provided herein, the records of minor patients.

207 D. Providers may disclose the records of a patient:

208 1. As set forth in subsection E of this section, pursuant to the written consent of the patient or in the
209 case of a minor patient, his custodial parent, guardian or other person authorized to consent to treatment
210 of minors pursuant to § 54.1-2969; also, in emergency cases or situations where it is impractical to
211 obtain the patient's written consent, pursuant to the patient's oral consent for a provider to discuss the
212 patient's records with a third party specified by the patient;

213 2. In compliance with a subpoena issued in accord with subsection H of this section, pursuant to
214 court order upon good cause shown or in compliance with a subpoena issued pursuant to subsection C
215 of § 8.01-413;

216 3. In accord with subsection F of § 8.01-399 including, but not limited to, situations where disclosure
217 is reasonably necessary to establish or collect a fee or to defend a provider or the provider's employees
218 or staff against any accusation of wrongful conduct; also as required in the course of an investigation,
219 audit, review or proceedings regarding a provider's conduct by a duly authorized law-enforcement,
220 licensure, accreditation, or professional review entity;

221 4. In testimony in accordance with §§ 8.01-399 and 8.01-400.2;

222 5. In compliance with the provisions of § 8.01-413;

223 6. As required or authorized by any other provision of law including contagious disease, public
224 safety, and suspected child or adult abuse reporting requirements, including, but not limited to, those
225 contained in §§ 32.1-36, 32.1-36.1, 32.1-40, 32.1-41, 32.1-276.5, 32.1-283, 32.1-283.1, 37.1-98.2,
226 53.1-40.10, 54.1-2403.3, 54.1-2906, 54.1-2907, 54.1-2966, 54.1-2966.1, 54.1-2967, 54.1-2968, 63.1-55.3
227 and 63.1-248.11;

228 7. Where necessary in connection with the care of the patient, *including in the implementation of a*
229 *hospital routine contact process*;

230 8. In the normal course of business in accordance with accepted standards of practice within the
231 health services setting; however, the maintenance, storage, and disclosure of the mass of prescription
232 dispensing records maintained in a pharmacy registered or permitted in Virginia shall only be
233 accomplished in compliance with §§ 54.1-3410, 54.1-3411 and 54.1-3412;

234 9. When the patient has waived his right to the privacy of the medical records;

235 10. When examination and evaluation of a patient are undertaken pursuant to judicial or
236 administrative law order, but only to the extent as required by such;

237 11. To the guardian ad litem in the course of a guardianship proceeding of an adult patient
238 authorized under §§ 37.1-128.1, 37.1-128.2 and 37.1-132;

239 12. To the attorney appointed by the court to represent a patient in a civil commitment proceeding
240 under § 37.1-67.3;

241 13. To the attorney and/or guardian ad litem of a minor patient who represents such minor in any
242 judicial or administrative proceeding, provided that the court or administrative hearing officer has
243 entered an order granting the attorney or guardian ad litem this right and such attorney or guardian ad
244 litem presents evidence to the provider of such order;

245 14. With regard to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, a minor's records in
246 accord with § 9-173.12;

247 15. To an agent appointed under a patient's power of attorney or to an agent or decision maker
248 designated in a patient's advance directive for health care *or for decisions on anatomical gifts and*
249 *organ, tissue or eye donation* or to any other person consistent with the provisions of the Health Care
250 Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.);

251 16. To third-party payors and their agents for purposes of reimbursement;

252 17. As is necessary to support an application for receipt of health care benefits from a governmental
253 agency or as required by an authorized governmental agency reviewing such application or reviewing
254 benefits already provided;

255 18. Upon the sale of a medical practice as provided in § 54.1-2405; or upon a change of ownership
256 or closing of a pharmacy pursuant to regulations of the Board of Pharmacy;

257 19. In accord with § 54.1-2400.1 B, to communicate a patient's specific and immediate threat to
258 cause serious bodily injury or death of an identified or readily identifiable person;

259 20. To the patient, except as provided in subsections E and F of this section and subsection B of
260 § 8.01-413;

261 21. In the case of substance abuse records, when permitted by and in conformity with requirements
262 of federal law found in 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2 and 42 C.F.R. Part 2;

263 22. In connection with the work of any entity established as set forth in § 8.01-581.16 to evaluate the
264 adequacy or quality of professional services or the competency and qualifications for professional staff
265 privileges;

266 23. If the records are those of a deceased or mentally incapacitated patient to the personal
267 representative or executor of the deceased patient or the legal guardian or committee of the incompetent
268 or incapacitated patient or if there is no personal representative, executor, legal guardian or committee
269 appointed, to the following persons in the following order of priority: a spouse, an adult son or
270 daughter, either parent, an adult brother or sister, or any other relative of the deceased patient in order
271 of blood relationship; and

272 24. For the purpose of conducting record reviews of inpatient hospital deaths to promote
273 identification of all potential organ, eye, and tissue donors in conformance with the requirements of
274 applicable federal law and regulations, including 42 C. F.R. § 482.45, (i) to the provider's designated
275 organ procurement organization certified by the United States Health Care Financing Administration and
276 (ii) to any eye bank or tissue bank in Virginia certified by the Eye Bank Association of America or the
277 American Association of Tissue Banks.

278 E. Requests for copies of medical records shall (i) be in writing, dated and signed by the requester;
279 (ii) identify the nature of the information requested; and (iii) include evidence of the authority of the
280 requester to receive such copies and identification of the person to whom the information is to be
281 disclosed. Within fifteen days of receipt of a request for copies of medical records, the provider shall do
282 one of the following: (i) furnish such copies to any requester authorized to receive them; (ii) inform the
283 requester if the information does not exist or cannot be found; (iii) if the provider does not maintain a
284 record of the information, so inform the requester and provide the name and address, if known, of the
285 provider who maintains the record; or (iv) deny the request (a) under subsection F, (b) on the grounds
286 that the requester has not established his authority to receive such records or proof of his identity, or (c)
287 as otherwise provided by law. Procedures set forth in this section shall apply only to requests for
288 records not specifically governed by other provisions of this Code, federal law or state or federal
289 regulation.

290 F. Except as provided in subsection B of § 8.01-413, copies of a patient's records shall not be
291 furnished to such patient or anyone authorized to act on the patient's behalf where the patient's attending
292 physician or the patient's clinical psychologist has made a part of the patient's record a written statement
293 that, in his opinion, the furnishing to or review by the patient of such records would be injurious to the
294 patient's health or well-being. If any custodian of medical records denies a request for copies of records
295 based on such statement, the custodian shall permit examination and copying of the medical record by
296 another such physician or clinical psychologist selected by the patient, whose licensure, training and
297 experience relative to the patient's condition are at least equivalent to that of the physician or clinical
298 psychologist upon whose opinion the denial is based. The person or entity denying the request shall
299 inform the patient of the patient's right to select another reviewing physician or clinical psychologist
300 under this subsection who shall make a judgment as to whether to make the record available to the
301 patient. Any record copied for review by the physician or clinical psychologist selected by the patient
302 shall be accompanied by a statement from the custodian of the record that the patient's attending
303 physician or clinical psychologist determined that the patient's review of his record would be injurious to
304 the patient's health or well-being.

305 G. A written consent to allow release of patient records may, but need not, be in the following form:

306 CONSENT TO RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE
307 INFORMATION

308 Patient Name

309 Provider Name

310 Person, agency or provider to whom disclosure is to be made

311 Information or Records to be disclosed

312 As the person signing this consent, I understand that I am giving my permission to the above-named
313 provider or other named third party for disclosure of confidential health care records. I also understand
314 that I have the right to revoke this consent, but that my revocation is not effective until delivered in
315 writing to the person who is in possession of my records. A copy of this consent and a notation
316 concerning the persons or agencies to whom disclosure was made shall be included with my original
317 records. The person who receives the records to which this consent pertains may not redisclose them to
318 anyone else without my separate written consent unless such recipient is a provider who makes a
319 disclosure permitted by law.

320 This consent expires on (date)

321 Signature of Patient Date

322 H. 1. No party to an action shall request the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum for an opposing
323 party's medical records unless a copy of the request for the subpoena is provided to opposing counsel or
324 the opposing party if they are pro se, simultaneously with filing the request. No party to an action shall
325 request the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum for the medical records of a nonparty witness unless a
326 copy of the request for the subpoena is provided to the nonparty witness simultaneously with filing the
327 request.

328 In instances where medical records being subpoenaed are those of a pro se party or nonparty witness,
329 the party requesting the issuance of the subpoena shall deliver to the pro se party or nonparty witness
330 together with the copy of the request for subpoena, a statement informing them of their rights and
331 remedies. The statement shall include the following language and the heading shall be in boldface
332 capital letters:

333 NOTICE TO PATIENT

334 The attached Request for Subpoena means that (insert name of party requesting subpoena) has asked
335 the court to issue a subpoena to your doctor or other health care providers (names of health care
336 providers inserted here) requiring them to produce your medical records. Your doctor or other health
337 care provider is required to respond by providing a copy of your medical records. If you believe your
338 records should not be disclosed and object to their disclosure, you have the right to file a motion with
339 the clerk of the court to quash the subpoena. You may contact the clerk's office to determine the
340 requirements that must be satisfied when filing a motion to quash and you may elect to contact an
341 attorney to represent your interest. If you elect to file a motion to quash, it must be filed as soon as
342 possible before the provider sends out the records in response to the subpoena. If you elect to file a
343 motion to quash, you must notify your doctor or other health care provider(s) that you are filing the
344 motion so that the provider knows to send the records to the clerk of court in a sealed envelope or
345 package for safekeeping while your motion is decided.

346 2. Any party filing a request for a subpoena duces tecum for a patient's medical records shall include
347 a Notice to Providers in the same part of the request where the provider is directed where and when to
348 return the records. Such notice shall be in boldface capital letters and shall include the following
349 language:

350 NOTICE TO PROVIDERS

351 IF YOU RECEIVE NOTICE THAT YOUR PATIENT HAS FILED A MOTION TO QUASH
352 (OBJECTING TO) THIS SUBPOENA, OR IF YOU FILE A MOTION TO QUASH THIS SUBPOENA,
353 SEND THE RECORDS ONLY TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT WHICH ISSUED THE
354 SUBPOENA USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE: PLACE THE RECORDS IN A SEALED
355 ENVELOPE AND ATTACH TO THE SEALED ENVELOPE A COVER LETTER TO THE CLERK
356 OF COURT WHICH STATES THAT CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE RECORDS ARE
357 ENCLOSED AND ARE TO BE HELD UNDER SEAL PENDING THE COURT'S RULING ON THE
358 MOTION TO QUASH THE SUBPOENA. THE SEALED ENVELOPE AND THE COVER LETTER
359 SHALL BE PLACED IN AN OUTER ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE
360 COURT.

361 3. Health care providers shall provide a copy of all records as required by a subpoena duces tecum
362 or court order for such medical records. If the health care provider has, however, actual receipt of notice
363 that a motion to quash the subpoena has been filed or if the health care provider files a motion to quash
364 the subpoena for medical records, then the health care provider shall produce the records to the clerk of
365 the court issuing the subpoena, where the court shall place the records under seal until a determination
366 is made regarding the motion to quash. The securely sealed envelope shall only be opened on order of
367 the judge. In the event the court grants the motion to quash, the records shall be returned to the health

368 care provider in the same sealed envelope in which they were delivered to the court. In the event that a
 369 judge orders the sealed envelope to be opened to review the records in camera, a copy of the judge's
 370 order shall accompany any records returned to the provider. The records returned to the provider shall
 371 be in a securely sealed envelope.

372 4. It is the duty of any party requesting a subpoena duces tecum for medical records to determine
 373 whether the patient whose records are sought is pro se or a nonparty. Any request for a subpoena duces
 374 tecum for the medical records of a nonparty or of a pro se party shall direct the provider (in boldface
 375 type) not to produce the records until ten days after the date on which the provider is served with the
 376 subpoena duces tecum and shall be produced no later than twenty days after the date of such service.

377 In the event that the individual whose records are being sought files a motion to quash the subpoena,
 378 the court shall decide whether good cause has been shown by the discovering party to compel disclosure
 379 of the patient's private records over the patient's objections. In determining whether good cause has been
 380 shown, the court shall consider (i) the particular purpose for which the information was collected; (ii)
 381 the degree to which the disclosure of the records would embarrass, injure, or invade the privacy of the
 382 individual; (iii) the effect of the disclosure on the individual's future health care; (iv) the importance of
 383 the information to the lawsuit or proceeding; and (v) any other relevant factor.

384 The provisions of this subsection have no application to subpoenas for medical records requested
 385 under § 8.01-413, or issued by a duly authorized administrative agency conducting an investigation,
 386 audit, review or proceedings regarding a provider's conduct. The provisions of this subsection apply to
 387 the medical records of both minors and adults.

388 A subpoena for substance abuse records must conform to the requirements of federal law found in 42
 389 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart E.

390 Providers may testify about the medical records of a patient in compliance with §§ 8.01-399 and
 391 8.01-400.2.

392 § 32.1-287. Authority of Chief Medical Examiner or deputies to provide organs, tissues and pituitary
 393 glands for transplant or therapy; immunity from liability for nonnegligent compliance.

394 ~~Provided~~ Upon consent ~~has been~~ *being* obtained, the Chief Medical Examiner or any of his assistant
 395 chief medical examiners may provide such body organ, gland, eye or other tissue to the transplanting
 396 surgeon or the physician prescribing therapy or the appropriate tissue, organ or eye bank operating in
 397 accordance with the laws of Virginia if providing such body organ, gland, eye, or other tissue will not
 398 interfere with the subsequent course of the investigation or autopsy ~~or alter the postmortem facial~~
 399 ~~appearance of the deceased.~~

400 However, if no consent has been obtained by the person or institution having first or original custody
 401 of the dead body because the next of kin cannot be contacted as provided in § 32.1-283, then the Chief
 402 Medical Examiner or an assistant chief medical examiner may remove and preserve the pituitary gland.
 403 If consent has not been obtained before the body is removed from custody of the Chief Medical
 404 Examiner or an assistant chief medical examiner then the pituitary gland shall be replaced.

405 There shall be no civil or criminal liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall
 406 arise against, the Chief Medical Examiner or an assistant chief medical examiner for nonnegligent
 407 compliance with the provisions of this section.

408 Nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the autopsy procedure or with the routine *contact*
 409 *with the decedent's family and the* obtaining of consent for removal of organs ~~as conducted by surgical~~
 410 ~~teams or others in compliance with § 32.1-127.~~

411 § 32.1-289. Definitions.

412 As used in this article:

413 "Anatomical gift" or "organ donation" means a donation of *organs, tissues, or eyes or all or part* of
 414 a human body to take effect upon or after death.

415 "Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn infant or fetus.

416 "Document of gift" means a card, a statement attached to or imprinted on a motor vehicle driver's or
 417 chauffeur's license or the record of the individual's motor vehicle driver's or chauffeur's license, a will,
 418 an *advance directive*, or other writing used to make an *organ donation* or an anatomical gift.

419 "Donor" means an individual who makes a *donation of organs, tissues, or eyes* or an anatomical gift
 420 of all ~~or part~~ of his body.

421 "*Eye Bank*" means an agency certified by the Eye Bank Association of America operating in this
 422 Commonwealth.

423 "Hospital" means a facility licensed, accredited or approved as a hospital under the laws of any state
 424 or certified by the Health Care Financing Administration, and a hospital operated by the United States
 425 government, a state, or a subdivision thereof which is not required to be licensed under state laws.

426 "*Organ procurement organization*" means an agency certified by the United States Health Care
 427 Financing Administration as an organ procurement organization.

428 "Part" means an organ, tissue, eye, bone, artery, blood, fluid, or other portion of a human body.

429 "Person" includes, in addition to the entities enumerated in § 32.1-3, a government and a
430 governmental subdivision or agency.

431 "Physician" or "surgeon" means an individual licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under the
432 laws of any state.

433 "~~Procurement organization~~" means a person licensed, accredited, or approved under the laws of any
434 state for procurement, distribution, or storage of human bodies or parts.

435 "State" means any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession, or other area subject to
436 the legislative authority of the United States of America.

437 "*Tissue Bank*" means an agency certified by the American Association of Tissue Banks operating in
438 this Commonwealth.

439 § 32.1-290. Persons who may execute anatomical gift or make organ donations; when gift may be
440 executed; examination of body authorized; rights of donee paramount.

441 A. Any ~~competent~~ individual of sound mind who is at least eighteen years of age or individual under
442 eighteen who *is of sound mind and* has the written consent of his parent or legal guardian may (i) make
443 an anatomical gift for any purposes specified in § 32.1-291 or organ, tissue or eye donation, (ii) limit an
444 anatomical gift to one or more of those purposes or any organ, tissue or eye donation or (iii) refuse to
445 make an anatomical gift except that or organ, tissue or eye donation; however, individuals under
446 eighteen make such a refusal may refuse without the written consent of their parent or legal guardian.

447 B. An anatomical gift or organ, tissue or eye donation by a donor may be made by a document of
448 gift signed by the donor and execution of a document of gift as authorized by this section shall be
449 sufficient to effect such a gift. If the donor cannot sign, the document of gift must be signed by another
450 individual and by two witnesses, all of whom have signed at the direction and in the presence of the
451 donor and of each other, and state that it has been so signed.

452 An anatomical gift *Organ, tissues, and eye donations* may also be made by a donor in accordance
453 with the procedures established by the Department of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to § 46.2-342, and in an
454 advance directive as provided in the Health Care Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.). Revocation,
455 suspension, expiration or cancellation of the donor's driver's license shall not affect the anatomical gift
456 or organ, tissue or eye donation.

457 C. A document of gift may designate a ~~physician or surgeon who specializes in organ procurement~~
458 or organ transplantation named individual, or a Health Care Finance Administration federally designated
459 organ procurement organization named in a memorandum of understanding with the hospital. In the
460 absence of a designation or if the designee is not available, the donee or other person authorized to
461 accept the anatomical gift or organ, tissue or eye donation may employ or authorize any physician or
462 surgeon, and, in the case of a gift of the eyes, any funeral service licensee or embalmer licensed in this
463 Commonwealth or any technician any technician or funeral service licensee or embalmer licensed in
464 this Commonwealth who can document the successful completion of a course provided by any eye bank
465 in this Commonwealth which is accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America or the American
466 Association of Tissue Banks.

467 In the case of a gift of skin, temporal bone or other bone, in the absence of a designation by the
468 donor or if such designee is not available, the donee or other person authorized to accept the gift may
469 employ or authorize to perform the appropriate procedures: (i) any physician or surgeon or (ii) any
470 technician approved by the Life Net as qualified to perform the act of skin or bone harvesting.

471 In the case of a gift of the brain to be used for confirmation of diagnosis and research into the
472 etiology of any organic brain disease, the donee or other person authorized to receive the organ may
473 employ or authorize a laboratory technician trained by a licensed neuropathologist to recover the brain.

474 Any person authorized by this section to perform eye enucleation, or recovery of skin, temporal bone
475 and other bone or tissue or vascular organs may draw blood from the donor and order such tests as may
476 be appropriate to protect his health and the health of the potential recipients of the tissues or organs.

477 A surgeon, physician, organ procurement organization employee, funeral service licensee, embalmer,
478 technician or ophthalmic assistant acting in accordance with the terms of this section shall not have any
479 liability, civil or criminal, for the eye enucleation, recovery of the brain or other organ or harvesting of
480 skin or bones upon a decedent.

481 D. An anatomical gift or organ, tissue or eye donation by will takes effect upon death of the
482 testator, whether or not the will is probated. If, after death, the will is declared invalid for testamentary
483 purposes, the validity of the anatomical gift is unaffected or organ, tissue or eye donation shall remain
484 valid, and no person shall refuse to comply with such gift or donation. The donor of an anatomical gift
485 or organ, tissue or eye donation made by will may amend or revoke the gift in the manner provided for
486 amendment or revocation of wills, or as provided in this section.

487 E. An anatomical gift or organ, tissue or eye donation, regardless of the document making such gift
488 or donation, that is not revoked by the donor before death is irrevocable and does not require the
489 consent or concurrence of any person after the donor's death for the eye enucleation, recovery of the
490 brain or other organ or harvesting of skin or bones of the donor.

491 A donor may amend or revoke an anatomical gift *or donor document*, not made by will, only by (i)
 492 a signed statement, (ii) an oral statement made in the presence of two individuals, (iii) any form of
 493 communication during a terminal illness or injury addressed to a physician or surgeon or, (iv) the
 494 delivery of a signed statement to a specified donee to whom a document of gift has been delivered, *or*
 495 (v) *compliance with the relevant law, e.g., the Uniform Donor Document pursuant to § 46.2-342 or the*
 496 *Health Care Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.).*

497 ~~An anatomical gift that is not revoked by the donor before death is irrevocable and does not require~~
 498 ~~the consent or concurrence of any person after the donor's death.~~

499 F. An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body or ~~part~~ *organ, tissue*
 500 *or eye donation* by (i) a writing signed in the same manner as a document of gift, (ii) a statement
 501 attached to a driver's license or driver's record, or (iii) any other writing used to identify the individual
 502 as refusing to make an anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation*. During a terminal illness or
 503 injury, the refusal may be an oral statement or other form of communication.

504 G. In the absence of contrary indications by the donor, (i) an anatomical gift of a ~~part~~ *a specific*
 505 *organ donation* is neither a refusal to give other ~~parts~~ *organs, tissues, or the eyes* nor a limitation on an
 506 anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation* under § 32.1-290.1 or on ~~a~~ *the* removal or release of
 507 other ~~parts~~ *organs, tissues or the eyes* under § 32.1-290.1 and (ii) a revocation or amendment of an
 508 anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation* is not a refusal to make another anatomical gift *or*
 509 *organ, tissue or eye donation*. If the donor intends a revocation to be a refusal to make an anatomical
 510 gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation in the future*, the donor shall make the refusal pursuant to
 511 subsection F.

512 § 32.1-292.1. Routine search for donor information; organ procurement agencies to file protocols.

513 A. The following persons may make a reasonable search for a document of gift or other information
 514 identifying the bearer as a donor or as an individual who has refused to make an anatomical gift *or*
 515 *organ, tissue or eye donation*:

516 1. A law-enforcement officer, fireman, paramedic or other emergency rescuer finding an individual
 517 who the searcher believes is dead; and

518 2. A hospital, upon the admission of an individual at or near the time of death, if there is not
 519 immediately available any other source of that information, *in accordance with the protocol required by*
 520 *§ 32.1-127.*

521 ~~Each licensed hospital shall establish an organ procurement for transplant protocol as required by~~
 522 ~~regulations of the Board adopted pursuant to § 32.1-127.~~

523 B. Any law-enforcement officer may conduct an administrative search of the subject's Department of
 524 Motor Vehicles driver record to determine the person's authorization for organ donation or refusal of
 525 organ donation. A physical search pursuant to subsection A may be conducted at or near the time of
 526 death or hospital admission and shall be limited to those personal effects of the subject where a driver's
 527 license may be reasonably stored. Any information, document, tangible objects or other items discovered
 528 during such search shall be used solely for the purpose of ascertaining whether the subject intends to
 529 make an anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation*, and in no event shall any such discovered
 530 material be admissible in any subsequent criminal or civil proceeding.

531 § 46.2-342. What license to contain; organ donor information; Uniform Donor Document.

532 A. Every license issued under this chapter shall bear:

533 1. For new, renewal, or replacement licenses issued on or after September 1, 1995, either (i) a
 534 license number which shall be the same as the licensee's social security number or (ii) a control number
 535 which shall be assigned by the Department to the licensee if he either (i) has no social security number
 536 or (ii) requests in writing on a form prescribed by the Commissioner that his social security number not
 537 be shown on the license;

538 2. A color photograph of the licensee;

539 3. The licensee's name, year, month, and date of birth;

540 4. The licensee's address;

541 5. A brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification;

542 6. A space for the signature of the licensee; and

543 7. Any other information deemed necessary by the Commissioner for the administration of this title.

544 No abbreviated names or nicknames shall be shown on any license.

545 A1. At the option of the licensee, the address shown on the license may be either the post office
 546 box, business, or residence address of the licensee. However, regardless of which address is shown on
 547 the license, the licensee shall supply the Department with his residence address. This residence address
 548 shall be maintained in the Department's records. Whenever the licensee's address shown either on his
 549 license or in the Department's records changes, he shall notify the Department of such change as
 550 required by § 46.2-324.

551 B. The license shall be made of a material and in a form to be determined by the Commissioner.

552 C. Licenses issued to persons less than twenty-one years old shall be immediately and readily
 553 distinguishable from those issued to persons twenty-one years old or older. Distinguishing characteristics
 554 shall include unique design elements of the document and descriptors within the photograph area to
 555 identify persons who are at least fifteen years old but less than twenty-one years old. These descriptors
 556 shall include the month, day, and year when the person will become twenty-one years old.

557 D. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for a driver's license or an
 558 identification card may designate his willingness to be an organ donor as provided in Article 2
 559 (§ 32.1-289 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1 and shall cooperate with the Virginia Transplant Council
 560 to ensure that such method is designed to encourage organ donation with a minimum of effort on the
 561 part of the donor and the Department.

562 E. If an applicant designates his willingness to be a donor pursuant to subsection D, the Department
 563 may make a notation of this designation on his license or card and shall make a notation of this
 564 designation in his driver record.

565 F. The donor designation authorized in subsection E shall be sufficient legal authority for the
 566 removal, following death, of the subject's organs or tissues without additional authority from the donor,
 567 or his family or estate. *No family member, guardian, agent named pursuant to an advance directive or*
 568 *person responsible for the decedent's estate shall refuse to honor the donor designation or, in any way,*
 569 *seek to avoid honoring the donor designation.*

570 G. The donor designation provided pursuant to subsection D may only be rescinded by appearing in
 571 person at a Department branch office. The Department shall notify the prospective donor of this
 572 requirement at the time he authorizes donor designation.

573 H. With the written consent of his parent or legal guardian, a minor may make a donor designation.

574 I. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed
 575 physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's driver's
 576 license that the applicant is an insulin-dependent diabetic.

577 J. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Department and its employees shall
 578 be immune from any civil or criminal liability in connection with the making of or failure to make a
 579 notation of donor designation on any license or card or in any person's driver record.

580 K. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Department shall continue to use the
 581 uniform donor document, as formerly set forth in subsection D above, for organ donation designation
 582 until such time as a new method is fully implemented, which shall be no later than July 1, 1994. Any
 583 such uniform donor document, shall, when properly executed, remain valid and shall continue to be
 584 subject to all conditions for execution, delivery, amendment, and revocation as set out in Article 2
 585 (§ 32.1-289 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1.

586 L. The Department shall, in coordination with the Virginia Transplant Council, prepare an organ
 587 donor information brochure describing the organ donor program and providing instructions for
 588 completion of the uniform donor document and include a copy of such brochure with every driver's
 589 license renewal notice or application mailed to licensed drivers in Virginia.

590 § 54.1-2984. Suggested form of written advance directives.

591 An advance directive executed pursuant to this article may, but need not, be in the following form,
 592 and may (i) direct a specific procedure or treatment to be provided, such as artificially administered
 593 hydration and nutrition; (ii) direct a specific procedure or treatment to be withheld; or (iii) appoint an
 594 agent to make health care decisions for the declarant as specified in the advance directive if the
 595 declarant is determined to be incapable of making an informed decision, including the decision to make,
 596 after the declarant's death, an anatomical gift of all ~~or any part~~ of the declarant's body *or an organ,*
 597 *tissue or eye donation* pursuant to Article 2 (§ 32.1-289 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1 and in
 598 compliance with any directions of the declarant. Should any other specific directions be held to be
 599 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the advance directive. If the declarant appoints an agent in an
 600 advance directive, that agent shall have the authority to make health care decisions for the declarant as
 601 specified in the advance directive if the declarant is determined to be incapable of making an informed
 602 decision and shall have decision-making priority over any individuals authorized under § 54.1-2986 to
 603 make health care decisions for the declarant. *In no case shall the agent refuse or fail to honor the*
 604 *declarant's wishes in relation to anatomical gifts or organ, tissue or eye donation.*

605 ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

606 I,, willfully and voluntarily make known my desire and do hereby declare:

607 If at any time my attending physician should determine that I have a terminal condition where the
 608 application of life-prolonging procedures would serve only to artificially prolong the dying process, I
 609 direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only
 610 the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to
 611 provide me with comfort care or to alleviate pain (OPTION: I specifically direct that the following
 612 procedures or treatments be provided to me:)

613 In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-prolonging procedures,

614 it is my intention that this advance directive shall be honored by my family and physician as the final
615 expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences of such
616 refusal.

617 OPTION: APPOINTMENT OF AGENT (CROSS THROUGH IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO
618 APPOINT AN AGENT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU.)

619 I hereby appoint (primary agent), of (address and telephone number), as my agent to make
620 health care decisions on my behalf as authorized in this document. If (primary agent) is not
621 reasonably available or is unable or unwilling to act as my agent, then I appoint ... (successor agent), of
622 (address and telephone number), to serve in that capacity.

623 I hereby grant to my agent, named above, full power and authority to make health care decisions on
624 my behalf as described below whenever I have been determined to be incapable of making an informed
625 decision about providing, withholding or withdrawing medical treatment. The phrase "incapable of
626 making an informed decision" means unable to understand the nature, extent and probable consequences
627 of a proposed medical decision or unable to make a rational evaluation of the risks and benefits of a
628 proposed medical decision as compared with the risks and benefits of alternatives to that decision, or
629 unable to communicate such understanding in any way. My agent's authority hereunder is effective as
630 long as I am incapable of making an informed decision.

631 The determination that I am incapable of making an informed decision shall be made by my
632 attending physician and a second physician or licensed clinical psychologist after a personal examination
633 of me and shall be certified in writing. Such certification shall be required before treatment is withheld
634 or withdrawn, and before, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, treatment is provided, and every
635 180 days thereafter while the treatment continues.

636 In exercising the power to make health care decisions on my behalf, my agent shall follow my
637 desires and preferences as stated in this document or as otherwise known to my agent. My agent shall
638 be guided by my medical diagnosis and prognosis and any information provided by my physicians as to
639 the intrusiveness, pain, risks, and side effects associated with treatment or nontreatment. My agent shall
640 not authorize a course of treatment which he knows, or upon reasonable inquiry ought to know, is
641 contrary to my religious beliefs or my basic values, whether expressed orally or in writing. If my agent
642 cannot determine what treatment choice I would have made on my own behalf, then my agent shall
643 make a choice for me based upon what he believes to be in my best interests.

644 OPTION: POWERS OF MY AGENT (CROSS THROUGH ANY LANGUAGE YOU DO NOT
645 WANT AND ADD ANY LANGUAGE YOU DO WANT.)

646 The powers of my agent shall include the following:

647 A. To consent to or refuse or withdraw consent to any type of medical care, treatment, surgical
648 procedure, diagnostic procedure, medication and the use of mechanical or other procedures that affect
649 any bodily function, including, but not limited to, artificial respiration, artificially administered nutrition
650 and hydration, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. This authorization specifically includes the power to
651 consent to the administration of dosages of pain-relieving medication in excess of recommended dosages
652 in an amount sufficient to relieve pain, even if such medication carries the risk of addiction or
653 inadvertently hastens my death;

654 B. To request, receive, and review any information, verbal or written, regarding my physical or
655 mental health, including but not limited to, medical and hospital records, and to consent to the
656 disclosure of this information;

657 C. To employ and discharge my health care providers;

658 D. To authorize my admission to or discharge (including transfer to another facility) from any
659 hospital, hospice, nursing home, adult home or other medical care facility for services other than those
660 for treatment of mental illness requiring admission procedures provided in Article 1 (§ 37.1-63 et seq.)
661 of Chapter 2 of Title 37.1; and

662 E. To take any lawful actions that may be necessary to carry out these decisions, including the
663 granting of releases of liability to medical providers.

664 Further, my agent shall not be liable for the costs of treatment pursuant to his authorization, based
665 solely on that authorization.

666 OPTION: APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT *OR ORGAN,*
667 *TISSUE OR EYE DONATION* (CROSS THROUGH IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO APPOINT AN
668 AGENT TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT *OR ANY ORGAN, TISSUE OR EYE DONATION* FOR
669 YOU.)

670 Upon my death, I direct that an anatomical gift of all ~~or any part~~ of my body *or certain organ,*
671 *tissue or eye donations* may be made pursuant to Article 2 (§ 32.1-289 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title
672 32.1 and in accordance with my directions, if any. I hereby appoint as my agent, of (address and
673 telephone number), to make any such anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye donation* following my
674 death. I further direct that: ... (declarant's directions concerning anatomical gift *or organ, tissue or eye*

675 donation).

676 This advance directive shall not terminate in the event of my disability.

677 By signing below, I indicate that I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this advance
678 directive and that I understand the purpose and effect of this document.

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680 _____
(Date) (Signature of Declarant)

681 The declarant signed the foregoing advance directive in my presence. I am not the spouse or a blood
682 relative of the declarant.

683 (Witness) _____

684 § 54.1-2986. Procedure in absence of an advance directive; procedure for advance directive without
685 agent; no presumption; persons who may authorize treatment for patients incapable of informed
686 decisions; applicability restricted to nonprotesting patients.

687 A. Whenever (i) the attending physician of an adult patient has determined after personal
688 examination that such patient, because of mental illness, mental retardation, or any other mental
689 disorder, or a physical disorder which precludes communication or impairs judgment, is incapable of
690 making an informed decision about providing, withholding or withdrawing a specific medical treatment
691 or course of treatment and such adult patient has not made an advance directive in accordance with this
692 article or (ii) the attending physician of an adult patient has determined after personal examination that
693 such patient, because of mental illness, mental retardation, or any other mental disorder, or a physical
694 disorder which precludes communication or impairs judgment, is incapable of making an informed
695 decision about providing, withholding or withdrawing a specific medical treatment or course of treatment
696 and the adult patient has made an advance directive in accordance with this article which does not
697 indicate his wishes with respect to the specific course of treatment at issue and does not appoint an
698 agent to make health care decisions upon his becoming incapable of making an informed decision, the
699 attending physician may, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, provide to, withhold or
700 withdraw from such patient medical or surgical care or treatment, including, but not limited to,
701 life-prolonging procedures, upon the authorization of any of the following persons, in the specified order
702 of priority, if the physician is not aware of any available, willing and competent person in a higher
703 class:

704 1. A guardian or committee for the patient. This subdivision shall not be construed to require such
705 appointment in order that a treatment decision can be made under this section; or

706 2. The patient's spouse except where a divorce action has been filed and the divorce is not final; or

707 3. An adult child of the patient; or

708 4. A parent of the patient; or

709 5. An adult brother or sister of the patient; or

710 6. Any other relative of the patient in the descending order of blood relationship.

711 If two or more of the persons listed in the same class in subdivisions A 3 through A 6 with equal
712 decision-making priority inform the attending physician that they disagree as to a particular treatment
713 decision, the attending physician may rely on the authorization of a majority of the reasonably available
714 members of that class.

715 Any person authorized to consent to the providing, withholding or withdrawing of treatment pursuant
716 to this article shall (i) prior to giving consent, make a good faith effort to ascertain the risks and
717 benefits of and alternatives to the treatment and the religious beliefs and basic values of the patient
718 receiving treatment, and to inform the patient, to the extent possible, of the proposed treatment and the
719 fact that someone else is authorized to make a decision regarding that treatment and (ii) base his
720 decision on the patient's religious beliefs and basic values and any preferences previously expressed by
721 the patient regarding such treatment to the extent they are known, and if unknown or unclear, on the
722 patient's best interests. *Regardless of the absence of an advance directive, if the patient has expressed*
723 *his intent to be an organ donor in any written document, no person noted in this section shall revoke,*
724 *or in any way hinder, such organ donation.*

725 B. The absence of an advance directive by an adult patient shall not give rise to any presumption as
726 to his intent to consent to or refuse life-prolonging procedures.

727 C. The provisions of this article shall not apply to authorization of nontherapeutic sterilization,
728 abortion, psychosurgery, or admission to a mental retardation facility or psychiatric hospital, as defined
729 in § 37.1-1; however, the provisions of this article, if otherwise applicable, may be employed to
730 authorize a specific treatment or course of treatment for a person who has been lawfully admitted to a
731 mental retardation facility or psychiatric hospital.

732 Further, the provisions of this article shall not authorize providing, continuing, withholding or
733 withdrawing of treatment if the provider of the treatment knows that such an action is protested by the
734 patient. No person shall authorize treatment, or a course of treatment, pursuant to this article, that such
735 person knows, or upon reasonable inquiry ought to know, is contrary to the religious beliefs or basic
736 values of the patient unable to make a decision, whether expressed orally or in writing.

737 D. Prior to withholding or withdrawing treatment for which authorization has been obtained or will
738 be sought pursuant to this article and prior to, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the
739 initiation of treatment for which authorization has been obtained or will be sought pursuant to this
740 article, and no less frequently than every 180 days while the treatment continues, the attending physician
741 shall obtain written certification that the patient is incapable of making an informed decision regarding
742 the treatment from a licensed physician or clinical psychologist which shall be based on a personal
743 examination of the patient. Whenever the authorization is being sought for treatment of a mental illness,
744 the second physician or licensed clinical psychologist shall not be otherwise currently involved in the
745 treatment of the person assessed. The cost of the assessment shall be considered for all purposes a cost
746 of the patient's treatment.

747 E. On petition of any person to the circuit court of the county or city in which any patient resides or
748 is located for whom treatment will be or is currently being provided, withheld or withdrawn pursuant to
749 this article, the court may enjoin such action upon finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the
750 action is not lawfully authorized by this article or by other state or federal law. #