



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB5259

Introduced 01/25/06, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

755 ILCS 60/2.5 new

Amends the Organ Donation Request Act. Provides that if a person authorized under the Act to consent to the donation of a decedent's organs is not immediately available for an organ procurement agency to make a request for such consent, the hospital may use organ preservation equipment and techniques to maintain the viability of the decedent's organs. Provides for immunity absent willful misconduct. Provides that neither a decedent's estate nor a relative or guardian of a decedent may be required to pay for any costs associated with organ preservation. Provides that a hospital that initiates organ preservation measures must bear all costs associated with the organ preservation if (i) the recipient of the preserved organ is indigent, (ii) a person authorized to consent to the donation of the decedent's organs cannot be located within a reasonable time, or (iii) a person authorized to consent does not consent.

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1 AN ACT concerning organ donation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Organ Donation Request Act is amended by
5 adding Section 2.5 as follows:

6 (755 ILCS 60/2.5 new)

7 Sec. 2.5. Organ preservation.

8 (a) If a person authorized by subsection (b) of Section 2
9 to consent to an organ donation is not immediately available
10 for an organ procurement agency to make the request required by
11 subsection (a) of Section 2, the hospital may use organ
12 preservation equipment and techniques, including ventilators
13 and in situ flushing and cooling equipment, to maintain the
14 viability of the decedent's organs in order to preserve the
15 option of family members and other authorized persons to
16 consider donation.

17 (b) If a hospital initiates the preservation of a
18 decedent's organs pursuant to subsection (a), the hospital
19 shall use all available means to locate a person authorized by
20 subsection (b) of Section 2 to consent to the donation of the
21 decedent's organs. If a person authorized to give such consent
22 cannot be located within a time period deemed reasonable by a
23 designated medical professional, or declines to give such
24 consent, the hospital shall discontinue the organ preservation
25 measures.

26 (c) A hospital shall fully disclose to a person authorized
27 by subsection (b) of Section 2 to consent to the donation of a
28 decedent's organs the organ preservation techniques or
29 preservation equipment, if any, used by the hospital pursuant
30 to this Section.

31 (d) In the absence of willful misconduct, any person
32 employed or authorized by a hospital to use organ preservation

1 techniques pursuant to subsection (a) shall be immune from any
2 civil or criminal liability in connection with taking the
3 medically necessary steps to preserve a decedent's organs
4 during the search for, or consultation with, a person
5 authorized by subsection (b) of Section 2 to consent to the
6 donation of the decedent's organs.

7 (e) Neither a decedent nor relative or guardian of a
8 decedent shall be required to pay any costs associated with
9 organ preservation pursuant to this Section.

10 (f) A hospital that initiates organ preservation pursuant
11 to subsection (a) shall bear all costs associated with the
12 organ preservation if:

13 (1) the recipient of the preserved organ is indigent;

14 (2) a person authorized by subsection (b) of Section 2
15 to consent to the donation of the decedent's organs cannot
16 be located within a time period deemed reasonable by a
17 designated medical professional; or

18 (3) a person authorized by subsection (b) of Section 2
19 to consent to the donation of the decedent's organs does
20 not consent to such a donation.