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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

755 ILCS 50/1-10 755 ILCS 50/5-5 was 755 ILCS 50/2 was 755 ILCS 50/3

Amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act. Provides that the term "decedent" includes a deceased individual organism of the species homo sapiens from fertilization until live birth. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, if the decedent is a fetus upon whom an abortion has been performed, then no part of the decedent's body may be used for any purpose specified in the Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Anatomical Gift Act is amended by changing Sections 1-10 and 5-5 as follows:
- 6 (755 ILCS 50/1-10) (was 755 ILCS 50/2)
- 7 Sec. 1-10. Definitions.
 - "Close friend" means any person 18 years of age or older who has exhibited special care and concern for the decedent and who presents an affidavit to the decedent's attending physician, or the hospital administrator or his or her designated representative, stating that he or she (i) was a close friend of the decedent, (ii) is willing and able to authorize the donation, and (iii) maintained such regular contact with the decedent as to be familiar with the decedent's health and social history, and religious and moral beliefs. The affidavit must also state facts and circumstances that demonstrate that familiarity.
 - "Death" means, for the purposes of the Act, when, according to accepted medical standards, there is (i) an irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions; or (ii) an irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem.

"Decedent" means a deceased individual and includes a stillborn infant or fetus and a deceased fetus or unborn child, as those terms are defined in subsection (6) of Section 2 of the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975.

"Disinterested witness" means a witness other than the spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, or guardian of the individual who makes, amends, revokes, or refuses to make an anatomical gift, or another adult who exhibited special care and concern for the individual. The term does not include a person to whom an anatomical gift could pass under Section 5-12.

"Document of gift" means a donor card or other record used to make an anatomical gift. The term includes a donor registry.

"Donee" means the individual designated by the donor as the intended recipient or an entity which receives the anatomical gift, including, but not limited to, a hospital; an accredited medical school, dental school, college, or university; an organ procurement organization; an eye bank; a tissue bank; for research or education, a non-transplant anatomic bank; or other appropriate person.

"Donor" means an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift.

"Hospital" means a hospital licensed, accredited or approved under the laws of any state; and includes a hospital operated by the United States government, a state, or a subdivision thereof, although not required to be licensed under

1 state laws.

"Non-transplant anatomic bank" means any facility or program operating or providing services in this State that is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks and that is involved in procuring, furnishing, or distributing whole bodies or parts for the purpose of medical education. For purposes of this Section, a non-transplant anatomic bank operating under the auspices of a hospital, accredited medical school, dental school, college or university, or federally designated organ procurement organization is not required to be accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks.

"Organ" means a human kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, small bowel, or other transplantable vascular body part as determined by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, as periodically selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Organ procurement organization" means the organ procurement organization designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the service area in which a hospital is located, or the organ procurement organization for which the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has granted the hospital a waiver pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320b-8(a).

"Part" means organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, other fluids and any other portions of a human body.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, government or

- 1 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate,
- 2 trust, partnership or association or any other legal entity.
- 3 "Physician" or "surgeon" means a physician or surgeon
- 4 licensed or authorized to practice medicine in all of its
- 5 branches under the laws of any state.
- 6 "Procurement organization" means an organ procurement
- 7 organization or a tissue bank.
- 8 "Reasonably available for the giving of consent or refusal"
- 9 means being able to be contacted by a procurement organization
- 10 without undue effort and being willing and able to act in a
- 11 timely manner consistent with existing medical criteria
- 12 necessary for the making of an anatomical gift.
- "Recipient" means an individual into whose body a donor's
- 14 part has been or is intended to be transplanted.
- 15 "State" includes any state, district, commonwealth,
- territory, insular possession, and any other area subject to
- 17 the legislative authority of the United States of America.
- "Technician" means an individual trained and certified to
- 19 remove tissue, by a recognized medical training institution in
- 20 the State of Illinois.
- "Tissue" means eyes, bones, heart valves, veins, skin, and
- 22 any other portions of a human body excluding blood, blood
- products or organs.
- "Tissue bank" means any facility or program operating in
- 25 Illinois that is accredited by the American Association of
- 26 Tissue Banks, the Eye Bank Association of America, or the

- 1 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations and is involved
- 2 in procuring, furnishing, donating, or distributing corneas,
- 3 bones, or other human tissue for the purpose of injecting,
- 4 transfusing, or transplanting any of them into the human body
- or for the purpose of research or education. "Tissue bank" does
- 6 not include a licensed blood bank. For the purposes of this
- 7 Act, "tissue" does not include organs or blood or blood
- 8 products.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 98-172, eff. 1-1-14; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)
- 10 (755 ILCS 50/5-5) (was 755 ILCS 50/3)
- 11 Sec. 5-5. Persons who may execute an anatomical gift.
- 12 (a) An anatomical gift of a donor's body or part that is to
- 13 be carried out upon the donor's death may be made during the
- 14 life of the donor for the purpose of transplantation, therapy,
- 15 research, or education by:
- 16 (1) the donor, if the donor is an adult, an emancipated
- minor, or 16 or 17 years of age and registered in the First
- 18 Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry under
- 19 subsection (g) of Section 6-117 of the Illinois Vehicle
- 20 Code;
- 21 (2) an agent of the donor, unless the power of attorney
- for health care or other record prohibits the agent from
- 23 making an anatomical gift;
- 24 (3) a parent of the donor, if the donor is an
- 25 unemancipated minor; or

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- 1 (4) the donor's guardian.
 - (b) If no gift has been executed under subsection (a), an anatomical gift of a decedent's body or part for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or education may be made at the time of the decedent's death, or when death is imminent, by a member of the following classes of persons who is reasonably available for the giving of authorization or refusal, in the order of priority listed, when persons in prior classes are not available for the giving of authorization or refusal and in the absence of actual notice of contrary intentions by the decedent:
- 12 (1) an individual acting as the decedent's agent under 13 a power of attorney for health care;
 - (2) the quardian of the person of the decedent;
 - (3) the spouse or civil union partner of the decedent;
 - (4) an adult child of the decedent;
- 17 (5) a parent of the decedent;
 - (6) an adult sibling of the decedent;
- 19 (7) an adult grandchild of the decedent;
- 20 (8) a grandparent of the decedent;
- 21 (9) a close friend of the decedent;
- 22 (10) the quardian of the estate of the decedent; and
- 23 (11) any other person authorized or under legal 24 obligation to dispose of the body.
- 25 (b-5) If there is more than one member of a class listed in 26 item (2), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection (b) of this

Section entitled to make an anatomical gift, an anatomical gift
may be made by a member of the class unless that member or a
person to which the gift may pass under Section 5-12 knows of
an objection by another member of the class. If an objection is
known, the gift may be made only by a majority of the members
of the class who are reasonably available for the giving of
authorization or refusal.

(b-10) A person may not make an anatomical gift if, at the time of the decedent's death, a person in a higher priority class under subsection (b) of this Section is reasonably available for the giving of authorization or refusal.

(c) A gift of all or part of a body authorizes any blood or tissue test or minimally invasive examination necessary to assure medical acceptability of the gift for the purposes intended. The hospital shall, to the extent possible and in accordance with any agreement with the organ procurement organization or tissue bank, take measures necessary to maintain the medical suitability of the part until the procurement organization has had the opportunity to advise the applicable persons as set forth in this Act of the option to make an anatomical gift or has ascertained that the individual expressed a contrary intent and has so informed the hospital. The results of tests and examinations under this subsection shall be used or disclosed only for purposes of evaluating medical suitability for donation, to facilitate the donation process, and as required or permitted by existing law.

- 1 (d) The rights of the donee created by the gift are 2 paramount to the rights of others except as provided by Section
- 3 5-45 (d).
- 4 (e) If no gift has been executed under this Act, then no
- 5 part of the decedent's body may be used for any purpose
- 6 specified in this Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 7 this Act, if (i) the decedent is a fetus; and (ii) an abortion,
- 8 as that term is defined in subsection (4) of Section 2 of the
- 9 <u>Illinois Abortion Law of 1975</u>, has been performed on the
- decedent, then no part of the decedent's body may be used for
- any purposes specified in this Act.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-41, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 14 becoming law.