



## *Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\**

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#### **Anatomical gifts made in a will**

Specifies that any of the bill's procedures for amending or revoking an anatomical gift may be used when the gift has been made in a will, including the procedures for amending or revoking the gift by using any form of communication addressed to at least two adults during a terminal illness or injury.

#### **Disinterested witnesses**

Removes the bill's requirement that at least one disinterested witness be a party to a person's amendment, revocation, or refusal of an anatomical gift under either of the following circumstances:

- When a person amends, revokes, or refuses to make an anatomical gift during a terminal illness or injury;
- When a person has been asked to sign a record of the amendment, revocation, or refusal on another person's behalf because the person seeking to establish the record is physically unable to sign the record.

#### **Custody of a decedent's remains**

Specifies that after an anatomical gift of part of a body has been removed, custody of the remainder of the body passes to those persons who have the right of disposition of the body, as provided under current law.

#### **Donor registry**

Requires the donor registry maintained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to include the name of each individual who has made an anatomical gift through a designation on a state identification card.<sup>1</sup>

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\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

**Donations and information provided to hospitals**

Expands the types of hospitals to which anatomical gifts may be made by including not only hospitals operated in Ohio, but also hospitals that are operated in other states or by the United States.

Includes the additional hospitals within the bill's provisions that require emergency personnel to send documentation of anatomical gifts or refusals found on a decedent who is taken to a hospital.

**Technical corrections**

Makes technical changes to correct statutory cross-references and to clarify certain provisions of the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> State identification cards are issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and deputy registrars.

