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S.B. No. 160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to human organ donation education and distribution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 49.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.002. EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ATTORNEYS. (a) The department shall develop a program to educate health care providers and attorneys in this state regarding anatomical gifts.

(b) The program shall encourage attorneys to provide organ donation information to clients seeking legal advice for end-of-life decisions.

(c) The department shall encourage medical schools and nursing schools in this state to include mandatory organ donation education in the schools' curriculums.

(d) The department shall encourage medical schools and hospitals in this state to require a physician in a neurology or neurosurgery residency program to complete an advanced course in organ donation education.

SECTION 2. Section 692.0145, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The Texas Department of Health shall adopt rules to ensure that at least 20 percent of vascular organs received and distributed by a qualified organ procurement organization are

1 distributed for transplantation to individuals who have been on a
2 waiting list for the longest period for a transplantation at a
3 transplant center in this state.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.