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H.B. No. 1544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to removal of corneal tissue from a decedent.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 693, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 693.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 693.006. REMOVAL OF CORNEAL TISSUE. On a request from an eye bank, as defined in Section 692.002, the medical examiner, justice of the peace, county judge, or physician designated by the justice of the peace or county judge may permit the removal of corneal tissue subject to the same provisions that apply to removal of a visceral organ on the request of an organ procurement organization under this subchapter. The provisions of this subchapter relating immunity and consent apply to the removal of the corneal tissue.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 693, Health and Safety Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to removal of corneal tissue on or after September 1, 2005. Removal of corneal tissue before September 1, 2005, is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.