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S.B. No. 995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to donees of anatomical gifts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 692.005, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 692.005. PERSONS WHO MAY BECOME DONEES. (a) The following persons may be donees of gifts of bodies or parts of bodies:

(1) a qualified organ procurement organization, for distribution to another person who may be a donee under this section, to be used for transplantation;

(2) a hospital or physician, to be used only for therapy or transplantation;

(3) a bank or storage facility, to be used only for therapy or transplantation;

(4) a person specified by a physician, to be used only for therapy or transplantation needed by the person;

(5) an eye bank the medical activities of which are directed by a physician;

(6) a forensic science program at:

(A) a general academic teaching institution, as defined by Section 61.003(3), Education Code; or

(B) a private or independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003(15), Education Code;

1 or

2 (7) [~~(6)~~] the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas.

3 (b) Except for donations to a forensic science program under  
4 Subsection (a)(6), the [~~The~~] Anatomical Board of the State of Texas  
5 shall be the donee of gifts of bodies or parts of bodies made for  
6 education or research, which are subject to distribution by that  
7 board under Chapter 691.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.