

26:6-60.1 et seq.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 26:6-60.1 et seq.

(Anatomical gifts--
permanent patient
records--require hospitals
to add information)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 284

Bill No: S140

Sponsor(s): Rand

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Senate: Institutions, Health and Welfare

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Sponsors' statement:

The purpose of this bill is to require hospitals to ascertain, upon admission, whether patients have made an anatomical gift and to whom the gift was made.

(OVER)

A hospital is required to maintain this information as part of a patient's permanent record, which will facilitate the discharge of the patient's wishes.

SENATE, No. 140

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Senator RAND

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act," approved September 9, 1969 (P. L. 1969, c. 161; C. 26:6-57 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. A hospital shall, if possible, ascertain from a patient upon
2 admission whether or not the patient has made a gift of all or part
3 of the patient's body pursuant to section 4 of P. L. 1969, c. 161
4 (C. 26:6-60), and the donee, if any, to whom the gift has been made.

1 2. A hospital shall maintain, as part of a patient's permanent
2 record, the information required under this act and any other
3 pertinent information concerning the anatomical gift which will
4 facilitate the discharge of the patient's wishes in the event of the
5 patient's death. Upon the death of a patient who has made an
6 anatomical gift, a hospital shall make every good faith effort to
7 contact, without delay, the donee, if any, to whom the gift has been
8 made.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to require hospitals to ascertain, upon admission, whether patients have made an anatomical gift and to whom the gift was made. A hospital is required to maintain this information as part of a patient's permanent record, which will facilitate the discharge of the patient's wishes.

ASSEMBLY CORRECTIONS, HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 140

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 1985

This bill requires a hospital to ascertain, if possible, upon admission, whether a patient has made an anatomical gift pursuant to the "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act," P. L. 1969, c. 161 (C. 26:6-57 et seq.), and to whom the gift was made. The hospital shall maintain this information as part of a patient's permanent record and shall, upon the death of a patient who has made an anatomical gift, make every good faith effort to contact, without delay, the donee to whom the gift was made.

The committee reported this bill favorably without amendments.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 140

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 13, 1984

This bill requires hospitals to ascertain, upon admission, whether patients have made an anatomical gift of all or part of their body and to whom the gift was made. A hospital is required to maintain this information as part of a patient's permanent record, in order to facilitate the discharge of the patient's wishes if the patient dies while in the hospital.

Under the provisions of the "Uniform Anatomical Gift Act," P. L. 1969, c. 161, persons may donate any organ or all of their body upon their death for the purpose of research or transplantation. The law provides that a person who chooses to make an anatomical donation complete a donor card and attach the card to his driver's license.

BILL SIGNINGS A-1049 Et. Al.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1985

S-140, sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand, D-Camden, which supplements the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by requiring hospitals to determine whether a patient has made an anatomical gift, to whom the gift was made, and to make that information part of the patient's permanent records.

S-196, sponsored by State Senator John P. Caufield, D-Essex, which permits county and municipal hospitals and nursing homes to enter into joint agreements with other hospitals and health related facilities for the joint purchase of materials, supplies and services from private non-profit hospital associations without public bidding.

S-2124, sponsored by State Senator John F. Russo, D-Ocean, which provides for uniform budgetary procedures for fire districts and requires that nominating petitions for candidates for boards of fire commissioners contain a notice that the candidate must comply with the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.

S-2870, sponsored by State Senator Feldman, which exempts the installation of burglar and fire alarm systems involving 30 volts or less from the permit requirement provisions of the Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of 1962.

S-2890, sponsored by State Senator Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, which appropriates \$90,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection as State aid to Union and Middlesex counties for spill prevention, response and cleanup.