

**Human Organ Transplant Act  
(CHAPTER 131A)**

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## **HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT**

### **(CHAPTER 131A)**

**(Original Enactment: Act 15 of 1987)**

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An Act to make provision for the removal of organs for transplantation, for the prohibition of trading in organs and blood, and for purposes connected therewith.

[1/2004]

[16th July 1987]

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Human Organ Transplant Act.

#### Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“designated officer”, in relation to a hospital, means a person appointed under section 4 to be the designated officer of the hospital;

“Director” means the Director of Medical Services;

“hospital” means a hospital which is declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, to be a hospital for the purposes of this Act or any part thereof;

“licensee”, in relation to a hospital, means the person to whom a licence has been issued under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Cap. 248) in respect of the hospital;

“living donor organ transplant” means the removal of a specified organ from the body of any living person for the purpose of its transplantation into the body of another living person;

“medical practitioner” means a person who is registered, or deemed to be registered, as a medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174);

“organ” means —

(a) except as provided in paragraph (b), any organ of a human body specified in the First Schedule; and

(b) for the purposes of Parts IV and IVA, any organ of a human body;

“specified organ” means any organ of a human body specified in the Second Schedule;

“transplant ethics committee”, in relation to a hospital, means a committee of the hospital appointed under section 15B(1).

[1/2004]

3. [Repealed by Act 22 of 1998]

### **Designated officers**

4. The Director may appoint, in writing, any medical practitioner to be the designated officer of a hospital for the purposes of this Act.

[ACT Transplantation and Anatomy 1977, s. 6]

## **PART II**

### **REMOVAL OF ORGAN AFTER DEATH**

#### **Authorities may remove organ after death**

5.—(1) The designated officer of a hospital may, subject to and in accordance with this section, authorise, in writing, the removal of any organ from the body of a person who has died in the hospital for the purpose of the transplantation of the organ to the body of a living person.

(2) No authority shall be given under subsection (1) for the removal of the organ from the body of any deceased person —

- (a) who has during his lifetime registered his objection with the Director to the removal of the organ from his body after his death;
- (b) who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of Singapore;
- (c) who is below 21 years of age unless the parent or guardian has consented to such removal; or
- (d) [Deleted by Act 14 of 2009]
- (e) whom the designated officer, after making such inquiries as are reasonable in the circumstances, has reason to believe was mentally disordered, unless the parent or guardian has consented to such removal.

[1/2004; 2/2008; 21/2008; 14/2009]

(3) In this section, “permanent resident” includes —

- (a) a person who holds a Singapore blue identity card; and
- (b) a person who holds an Entry Permit or a Re-entry Permit issued by the Controller of Immigration,