
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 955

AN ACT CONCERNING ANATOMICAL GIFTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each hospital, starting by January 1, 2024, to annually report to the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner every instance when it allowed someone to amend or revoke an anatomical gift that a deceased person (1) made before death under the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and (2) did not amend or revoke before passing. DPH must then report to the Public Health Committee on these hospital reports annually, starting by February 1, 2024.

Additionally, the bill requires DPH, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles, UConn, and a representative of a Connecticut organ donor services organization, to evaluate information in any motor vehicle accident data repository in the state and any additional relevant data to determine the following:

1. the number and percentages of motorcycle accidents and fatalities in the state in the past four years (as compared to those of all motor vehicles);
2. the number of unexpired motor vehicle licenses with a motorcycle endorsement and the percentage of the license holders that are organ and tissue donors; and
3. the number of anatomical gifts that were made by people who died in motorcycle accidents in the state in the past four years.

The bill requires the DPH commissioner to report the evaluation to the Public Health Committee by January 1, 2024.

Under the bill, an “anatomical gift” is a donation of all or part of a human body to take effect after the donor’s death for transplantation, therapy, research, or education purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 12 (03/10/2023)