

CHAPTER 395

AN ACT to create 155.06 of the statutes, relating to gifts of bodies or parts thereof for scientific, medical or educational purposes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

155.06 of the statutes is created to read:

155.06 GIFTS OF BODIES OR PARTS THEREOF. (1) Every person of the age of 21 years or older, of sound mind, may make a gift, during his lifetime, of all or any part of his body to any medical school or to any bank handling parts of the body, provided such gift is for scientific, medical or educational purposes. Such a body or parts thereof shall be made available to the medical school or bank after the death of the donor by the person having custody of the body.

(2) Such a gift shall be evidenced by a written instrument, signed by the donor and by 2 competent witnesses who know the signature to be that of the donor.

(3) The gift by any person of all or a portion of his body made pursuant to this statute may be revoked by the donor at any time during his lifetime.

(4) The donee may accept or reject the gift. If the donee accepts, he or his agent may cause to be removed from the body that portion given to the donee. If the entire body is given, it shall not be delivered to the donee or his agent until after the surviving spouse or other person who assumes custody of the body has had an opportunity to provide a funeral service or other last rites for the deceased.

(5) No person, acting in good faith to carry out the written directions of the donor, shall be liable for damages in any civil suit for his actions notwithstanding the fact that, for any reason, the supposed gift is invalid.

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