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1 Relating to anatomical gifts, living wills, and do not resuscitate orders.

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3 * **Section 1.** AS 13.50.010(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A competent person [OF SOUND MIND] who is 18 or more years of age
5 may make a gift to take effect upon death [,] of all or a part of the person's body for
6 a purpose specified in AS 13.50.020.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 13.50.030(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

8 (b) A gift of all or a part of the body under AS 13.50.010(a) may be made by
9 a document other than a will, and including a declaration under AS 18.12. The gift
10 takes effect upon the death of the donor. The document, which may be a card
11 designed to be carried on the person, shall be signed by the donor, or another person
12 at the donor's direction. If signed by another person at the donor's direction, the
13 signer shall sign in the presence of two persons or a person who is qualified to take
14 acknowledgments under AS 09.63.010. Delivery of the document of gift during the
15 donor's lifetime is not necessary to make the gift valid.

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1 * Sec. 3. AS 13.50.030(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) The donor may designate in a will, card, or other document of gift,
3 including a declaration under AS 18.12, the surgeon or physician to carry out the
4 appropriate procedure for removing or transplanting a part of the decedent's body. In
5 the absence of a designation or if the designee is not available, the donee or other
6 person authorized to accept the gift may employ or authorize any surgeon, any [OR]
7 physician, or any appropriate Alaska organ or tissue bank, for the purpose of
8 removing or transplanting a part of the decedent's body.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 13.50.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (f) A gift may, but need not be, in the following form:

11 In the event of my death, I donate the following part(s)
12 of my body for the purposes identified in AS 13.50.020:

13 Tissue:

14 _____ Eyes
15 _____ Bone and connective tissue
16 _____ Skin
17 _____ Heart
18 _____ Other: _____

19 Limitations: _____

20 Organ:

21 _____ Heart
22 _____ Kidney(s)
23 _____ Liver
24 _____ Lung(s)
25 _____ Pancreas
26 Other: _____

27 I designate _____ (name of surgeon or physician)

28 to carry out the appropriate procedure(s) for removing or
29 transplanting the body part(s) identified above.

30 * Sec. 5. AS 13.50.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (d) A gift made in a declaration under AS 18.12 may be amended as provided

1 in (a) of this section, and may be revoked as provided in AS 18.12.020(a) or in (a) of
2 this section.

3 * Sec. 6. AS 13.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 13.50.075. Recognition of gifts executed, issued, or authorized in other**
5 **states.** A gift executed, issued, or authorized in another state or a territory or
6 possession of the United States in compliance with the law of that jurisdiction is
7 effective for the purposes of this chapter.

8 * Sec. 7. AS 18.12.010(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

9 (a) A competent person who is at least 18 years old may execute a declaration
10 at any time directing that life-sustaining procedures be withheld or withdrawn from
11 that person. The declaration is given operative effect only if the declarant's condition
12 is determined to be terminal and the declarant is not able to make treatment decisions,
13 except that, if the declaration contains an anatomical gift under AS 13.50, the gift
14 takes effect upon the death of the person. The declaration shall be signed by the
15 declarant, or another person at the declarant's direction. If signed by another person
16 at the declarant's direction, the signer shall sign in the presence of two persons or a
17 person who is qualified to take acknowledgements under AS 09.63.010. A person may
18 not charge a fee for preparing a declaration.

19 * Sec. 8. AS 18.12.010(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Except as provided under AS 13.50.014 - 13.50.016 for an anatomical
21 gift contained in the declaration, it [IT] is the responsibility of the declarant to
22 provide a copy of the declaration to the declarant's physician. A physician or other
23 health care provider who is provided a copy of the declaration shall make it a part of
24 the declarant's medical records.

25 * Sec. 9. AS 18.12.010(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) A declaration may, but need not, be in the following form:

27 DECLARATION

28 If I should have an incurable or irreversible condition that will
29 cause my death within a relatively short time, it is my desire that my
30 life not be prolonged by administration of life-sustaining procedures.

31 If my condition is terminal and I am unable to participate in

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1 decisions regarding my medical treatment, I direct my attending
2 physician to withhold or withdraw procedures that merely prolong the
3 dying process and are not necessary to my comfort or to alleviate pain.
4 I [] do [] do not desire that nutrition or hydration (food and water)
5 be provided by gastric tube or intravenously if necessary.

6 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this declaration, if
7 I have donated an organ under this declaration or by another
8 method, and if I am in a hospital when a do not resuscitate order
9 is to be implemented for me, I do not want the do not resuscitate
10 order to take effect until the donated organ can be evaluated to
11 determine if the organ is suitable for donation.

12 OPTIONAL: In the event of my death, I donate the
13 following part(s) of my body for the purposes identified in
14 AS 13.50.020:

15 Tissue:

16 _____ Eyes

17 _____ Bone and connective tissue

18 _____ Skin

19 _____ Heart

20 _____ Other: _____

21 Limitations: _____

22 Organ:

23 _____ Heart

24 _____ Kidney(s)

25 _____ Liver

26 _____ Lung(s)

27 _____ Pancreas

28 Other: _____.

29 Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

30 Signature _____

31 Place _____

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1 notice to the contrary, that the declaration complies with this chapter, that an
2 anatomical gift in the declaration complies with this chapter and AS 13.50, and
3 that the declaration, including any anatomical gift contained in the declaration,
4 is valid.

5 * Sec. 11. AS 18.12.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Except as provided in AS 13.50.050 for an anatomical gift, a [A]
7 declaration may be revoked at any time and in any manner by which the declarant is
8 able to communicate an intent to revoke, without regard to mental or physical
9 condition. A revocation is only effective as to the attending physician or any health
10 care provider acting under the guidance of that physician upon communication to the
11 physician or health care provider by the declarant or by another to whom the
12 revocation was communicated.

13 * Sec. 12. AS 18.12.035 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14 (d) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, if a person has made an anatomical gift
15 of an organ under AS 13.50 or this chapter, and is in a hospital when a do not
16 resuscitate order is to be implemented for the person, the do not resuscitate order may
17 not be implemented until the donated organ can be evaluated to determine if it is
18 suitable for donation.

19 (e) A physician may not revoke a do not resuscitate order at the request of a
20 person, and a person may not make a do not resuscitate order ineffective, unless the
21 person making the request or proposing to make the order ineffective is the person for
22 whom the order has been issued, or, if the person for whom the order has been issued
23 is not capable of expressing an opinion on the subject,

24 (1) the parent or guardian of the person for whom the order has been
25 issued if the person for whom the order has been issued is under 18 years of age; or

26 (2) a person to whom the person for whom the order has been issued
27 has communicated the decision to make the order ineffective.

28 * Sec. 13. AS 18.12.037 is amended to read:

29 **Sec. 18.12.037. Living will, organ donation, and DNR identification.** The
30 Department of Health and Social Services shall develop standardized designs and
31 symbols for DNR identification cards, forms, necklaces, and bracelets that signify,

1 when carried or worn, that the possessor has executed a declaration under this chapter,
2 **that the declaration contains an anatomical gift, or that the possessor** is a patient
3 for whom a physician has issued a do not resuscitate order.

4 * Sec. 14. AS 18.12.040(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A qualified patient or a patient for whom a physician has issued a do not
6 resuscitate order has the right to make decisions regarding use of cardiopulmonary
7 resuscitation and other life-sustaining procedures as long as the patient is able to do
8 so. If a qualified patient or patient for whom a physician has issued a do not
9 resuscitate order is not able to make these decisions, the declaration or do not
10 resuscitate protocol governs decisions regarding use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation
11 and other life-sustaining procedures, **unless the do not resuscitate order is revoked**
12 **or made ineffective under AS 18.12.035(e).**

13 * Sec. 15. AS 18.12.060(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) In the absence of actual notice of the revocation of a declaration or do not
15 resuscitate order, as applicable, the following, while acting in accordance with the do
16 not resuscitate protocol adopted under AS 18.12.035 or with the other requirements of
17 this chapter, are not subject to civil or criminal liability or guilty of unprofessional
18 conduct:

19 (1) a physician who causes the withholding or withdrawal of life-
20 sustaining procedures from a qualified patient or the withholding or withdrawal of
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a patient for whom a do not resuscitate order has
22 been issued or who possesses DNR identification;

23 (2) a person who participates in the withholding or withdrawal of
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other life-sustaining procedures under the direction
25 or with the authorization of a physician or upon discovery of DNR identification upon
26 a person;

27 (3) persons, **including emergency medical technicians,** who cause or
28 participate in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other life-sustaining
29 procedures **under AS 18.12.035(d) or because a person has made a do not**
30 **resuscitate order ineffective under AS 18.12.035(e)** [AFTER AN ORAL OR
31 WRITTEN REQUEST COMMUNICATED TO THEM BY A PERSON WHO

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1 POSSESSES DNR IDENTIFICATION];

2 (4) the health care facility in which the providing, withholding, or
3 withdrawal occurs.

4 * Sec. 16. AS 18.12.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 18.12.090. Recognition of declarations and orders executed, [OR]**
6 **issued, or authorized in other states.** A declaration, **including a declaration**
7 **containing an anatomical gift,** do not resuscitate order, or DNR identification
8 executed, issued, or authorized in another state or a territory or possession of the
9 United States in compliance with the law of that jurisdiction is effective for purposes
10 of this chapter.

11 * Sec. 17. AS 18.12.100 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

12 (12) "anatomical gift" means an anatomical gift under AS 13.50.

13 * Sec. 18. AS 18.65.311 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 18.65.311. Anatomical gift or living will.** (a) The department shall
15 provide, at the time that an identification card is issued, a form for a document by
16 which the card holder may make an anatomical gift under AS 13.50 (Uniform
17 Anatomical Gifts Act) **or a living will under AS 18.12 (Living Wills and Do Not**
18 **Resuscitate Orders).** The document (1) may not be larger than an identification card,
19 (2) must contain sufficient space for the signature of two witnesses **or a person who**
20 **is qualified to take acknowledgments under AS 09.63.010,** [TO THE DONOR'S
21 ACT IF THE DONOR CANNOT SIGN, AND] (3) must **use the forms and designs**
22 **developed under AS 18.12.037, and (4) must** provide a means by which the **card**
23 **holder** [DONOR] may cancel the gift **or the living will.** If the document [MAKING
24 AN ANATOMICAL GIFT] is executed by the applicant, it shall be sealed in plastic
25 and attached to the identification card. A symbol **developed under AS 18.12.037**
26 indicating the existence of the anatomical gift **or living will** document must be
27 displayed in the lower right-hand corner on the face of the identification card.

28 (b) An employee of the department who processes an identification card
29 application, other than an application received by mail, shall ask the applicant orally
30 whether the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift **or a living will.** The
31 department shall, by placement of posters and brochures in the office where the

1 application is taken, and by oral advice, if requested, make known to the applicant the
2 procedure necessary to execute a gift under AS 13.50 or a living will under AS 18.12.

3 * Sec. 19. AS 28.10.021(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) An employee of the department who processes an application for
5 registration or renewal of registration, other than an application received by mail, shall
6 ask the applicant orally whether the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift or
7 a living will. The department shall make known to all applicants the procedure for
8 executing a gift under AS 13.50 (Uniform Anatomical Gifts Act) or a living will
9 under AS 18.12 (Living Wills and Do Not Resuscitate Orders) by displaying posters
10 in the offices in which applications are taken, by providing a brochure or other written
11 information to each person who applies in person or by mail, and, if requested, by
12 providing oral advice.

13 * Sec. 20. AS 28.15.061(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) An employee of the department who processes a driver's license
15 application, other than an application received by mail, shall ask the applicant orally
16 whether the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift or a living will. The
17 department shall make known to all applicants the procedure for executing a gift under
18 AS 13.50 (Uniform Anatomical Gifts Act) or a living will under AS 18.12 (Living
19 Wills and Do Not Resuscitate Orders) by displaying posters in the offices in which
20 applications are taken, by providing a brochure or other written information to each
21 person who applies in person or by mail, and, if requested, by providing oral advice.

22 * Sec. 21. AS 28.15.111(b) is amended to read:

23 (b) The department shall provide, at the time that an operator's license is
24 issued, a form for a document by which the owner of a license may make an
25 anatomical gift under AS 13.50 or a living will under AS 18.12. The document (1)
26 may not be larger than an operator's license, (2) must contain sufficient space for the
27 signature of two witnesses or a person who is qualified to take acknowledgments
28 under AS 09.63.010, [TO THE DONOR'S ACT OF EXECUTION OF THE
29 DOCUMENT, AND] (3) must use the forms and designs developed under
30 AS 18.12.037, and (4) must provide a means by which the owner [DONOR] may
31 cancel the gift or the living will. If the document [MAKING AN ANATOMICAL

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- 1 GIFT] is executed by the applicant, it shall be sealed in plastic and attached to the
- 2 license. A symbol developed under AS 18.12.037 indicating the existence of the
- 3 anatomical gift or living will document must be displayed in the lower right-hand
- 4 corner on the face of the driver's license.