

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: Carter
Prepared By: Shannon Strumpfer, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adopts provisions of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act of 2006.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of uniformity in the law
- Statewide donor registry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) is an organization comprised of more than 300 lawyers, judges and law professors, appointed by the states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to draft proposals for uniform and model laws on subjects where uniformity is desirable and practicable, and to work toward their enactment by legislatures.

The NCCUSL has been at the forefront of organ donation law since the promulgation of the original Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) nearly four decades ago. In 2006, after more than two years of study, the NCCUSL promulgated the Revised UAGA (2006) as a replacement for both the 1968 and 1987 versions of the Act. The 2006 revision was prepared with the active participation of a range of stakeholders. The Revised UAGA facilitates donations and modernizes the Act to reflect changes in federal law and regulations governing organ procurement and allocation as well as changes in organ donation practices. Additionally, the Act brings needed uniformity where time is of the essence and might be wasted deciphering divergence in state laws.