

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

MALPRACTICE/MEDICAL: Provides relative to donors or prospective donors of an organ or tissue

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(15) and 1237.1(A)(5) and to enact R.S.  
3 40:1231.1(M) and 1237.1(D)(3), relative to medical malpractice; to provide relative  
4 to the definition of "patient"; to provide for organ procurement organizations; to  
5 provide for unintentional acts or omissions by certain persons; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(15) and 1237.1(A)(5) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 40:1231.1(M) and 1237.1(D)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1231.1. Definitions and general applications

11 A. As used in this Part:

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13 (15) "Patient" means a natural person, including a donor of human blood, a  
14 donor or prospective donor of an organ or tissue, or blood components and a nursing  
15 home resident who receives or should have received health care from a licensed  
16 health care provider, under contract, expressed or implied.

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18 M. Any cause of action for an unintentional act or omission by an organ  
19 procurement organization to a donor or prospective donor of an anatomical gift, as  
20 defined in R.S. 17:2351, shall be governed by the provisions of this Section.

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1 §1237.1. Definitions and general application

2 A. As used in this Part:

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4 (5) "Patient" means a natural person who receives, or should have received,  
5 health care from a person covered by this Part, or a donor or prospective donor of an  
6 organ or tissue, and any other natural person or persons who would or may have a  
7 claim or claims for damages under applicable law arising out of, or directly related  
8 to, the claim or claims of the natural person who receives, or should have received,  
9 health care from a person covered by this Part.

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11 D.

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13 (3) Any cause of action for an unintentional act or omission by an organ  
14 procurement organization to a donor or prospective donor of an anatomical gift, as  
15 defined in R.S. 17:2351, shall be governed by the provisions of this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that unintentional acts or omissions by organ procurement organizations towards a donor of an anatomical gift is considered medical malpractice.

Present law does not provide for acts or omissions by organ procurement organizations in private services or state services to be considered medical malpractice.

Proposed law amends present law to include organ procurement organizations' acts or omissions in both private and state services.

Proposed law amends the definition of "patient" in present law to include a donor or prospective donor of an organ or tissue.

(Amends R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(15) and 1237.1(A)(5); Adds 1231.1(M) and 1237.1(D)(3))