

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1896

By: Roberts (Sean) of the House  
and  
Bullard of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to public health; creating the Brain  
8 Death Standards Act; directing the Board of Medical  
9 Licensure to promulgate certain rules; requiring the  
10 Board to consider certain standards; requiring the  
11 Board to amend rules when certain standards change;  
12 prohibiting declaration of brain death by certain  
13 persons; allowing continuing medical education  
14 related to certain standards; providing for  
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3124 of Title 63, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Brain Death  
21 Standards Act".

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3125 of Title 63, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall  
promulgate rules setting forth currently accepted medical standards,

1 including criteria, tests, and procedures and requiring detailed  
2 documentation of their fulfillment in a patient's medical record  
3 when death is declared pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 3122 of  
4 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 B. In assessing currently accepted medical standards, the Board  
6 shall consider standards and guidelines issued by the American  
7 Academy of Neurology and the American Academy of Pediatrics, as well  
8 as by other widely recognized medical organizations or sources, and  
9 it shall formally consider amending its rules promptly after any  
10 changes in such standards or guidelines. The rules promulgated by  
11 the Board may incorporate such standards or guidelines, or parts  
12 thereof, by reference.

13 C. The rules shall ensure that if the individual to be declared  
14 dead pursuant to Section 3122 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
15 is or may be an organ donor, the physician who makes the declaration  
16 that death has occurred shall not be the organ transplant surgeon,  
17 the attending physician of the organ recipient, or an individual  
18 otherwise subject to a potentially significant conflict of interest  
19 relating to procedures for organ procurement.

20 D. The rules may provide for testing or completion of  
21 continuing medical education regarding the required standards  
22 governing determination of death for physicians authorized to make  
23 such determinations.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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