

1 H.242

2 Introduced by Representatives French of Randolph and McFaun of Barre

3 Town

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; advisory boards; organ and tissue donations and transplants

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to create an advisory council on

8 organ and tissue donations and transplants.

9 An act relating to the creation of an advisory council on organ and tissue
10 donations and transplants

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. VERMONT ORGAN AND TISSUE ADVISORY COUNCIL

13 (a) Creation of advisory council. There is created the Vermont organ and
14 tissue advisory council.

15 (b)(1) Membership. The advisory council shall consist of the following
16 members:

17 (A) the commissioner of health or designee;

18 (B) the president of the Vermont medical society;

19 (C) the commissioner of motor vehicles or designee;

1 (D) one representative from each of the federally designated organ
2 procurement organizations serving Vermont; and

3 (E) four persons experienced in the field of organ and tissue
4 donations or transplants to be appointed by the governor, at least one of which
5 shall be:

6 (i) a recipient of a donated organ or tissue;

7 (ii) a donor or a family member of a donor; and

8 (iii) a doctor experienced in organ and tissue transplantations.

9 (2) The term of all appointive members shall be three years, and
10 appointive members shall be appointed to serve no more than two consecutive
11 terms. Upon the expiration of the term of any appointive member, a successor
12 shall be appointed for a term of three years.

13 (3) Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation.

14 (c)(1) Designation of council chair; meetings. The governor shall annually
15 designate a chair of the advisory council from among its members.

16 (2) The advisory council shall meet at least four times each year, and
17 shall convene special meetings at the call of the chair or a majority of council
18 members or both.

19 (d)(1) Annual report. The advisory council shall make, by January 15, an
20 annual report to the governor. The report shall include an account of all
21 actions taken to further organ and tissue donation.

1 (2) A copy of the report shall be filed with the secretary of state,
2 secretary of the senate, and clerk of the house of representatives.

3 (e) Duties. The advisory council shall:

4 (1) advise the commissioner of health on coordinating efforts of all
5 public and private agencies within the state concerned with the donation and
6 transplantation of human organs and tissues;

7 (2) advise the commissioner of health on policy and priorities of need in
8 the state for a comprehensive program relative to organ and tissue donations
9 and transplants;

10 (3) assist the commissioner of health in developing strategies to increase
11 organ and tissue donation, the funding of which shall come from the organ and
12 tissue donor registration fund established by subsection (f) of this section; and

13 (4) establish goals for increasing organ and tissue donation rates in the
14 state.

15 (f)(1) Organ and tissue donor registration fund. There shall be established
16 a special fund pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32 comprising
17 revenues received from public and private sources as gifts, grants, and
18 donations to facilitate the registration of organ and tissue donors, together with
19 additions and interest accruing to the fund.

20 (2) Monies in the organ and tissue donor registration fund shall be
21 available to the department of health to further organ and tissue donor

- 1 registration. The commissioner of finance and management may draw
- 2 warrants for disbursement from this fund in anticipation of receipts. Any
- 3 balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund.