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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further
- providing for definitions; and, in miscellaneous provisions,
- 4 providing for voluntary posthumous organ donation by inmates.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 61 of the Pennsylvania
- 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 9 § 102. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this title shall
- 11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 12 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 13 <u>"Anatomical gift." A donation of all or part of a human body</u>
- 14 to take effect after the donor's death for the purpose of
- 15 transplantation, therapy, research or education.
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- 17 Section 2. Title 61 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 18 § 5907. Organ donation by inmates.

1 (a) Information to be provided. -- Upon intake, the department

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- 2 shall make available to each inmate a document of gift form
- 3 which will allow the inmate to indicate the inmate's desire to
- 4 make an anatomical gift if the inmate dies while in the custody
- 5 of the department.
- 6 (b) Recordkeeping.--If an inmate indicates a desire to make
- 7 an anatomical gift, the department shall maintain a record of
- 8 the inmate's document of gift form.
- 9 (c) Release of information. -- In the event that an inmate
- 10 dies while in the custody of the department, the department
- 11 shall release the inmate's document of gift form.
- 12 (d) Policy. -- The department shall establish policy and may
- 13 promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of
- 14 this section.
- (e) Construction. -- Nothing in this section shall be
- 16 construed to authorize the reduction of an inmate's term of
- 17 <u>imprisonment on the basis of the inmate indicating a desire to</u>
- 18 make an anatomical gift.
- 19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.