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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1661** Session of  
1983

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INTRODUCED BY OLASZ, CLARK, MANDERINO, SEVENTY, SALOOM, BARBER,  
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McMONAGLE, DeLUCA, PETRONE AND COLE, NOVEMBER 14, 1983

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 14, 1983

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the transfer of certain human organs for valuable  
2 consideration.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Prohibition of organ purchases.

6 (a) General rule.--It is unlawful for any person to  
7 knowingly acquire, receive or otherwise transfer any human organ  
8 for valuable consideration.

9 (b) Penalty.--Any person who violates subsection (a) commits  
10 a misdemeanor of the first degree and, upon conviction, shall be  
11 fined not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned not more than five  
12 years, or both.

13 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section the following  
14 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
15 subsection:

16 "Human organ." The human kidney, liver, heart, lung,

1 pancreas and any other human organ or tissue including corneas,  
2 bone and skin.

3 "Valuable consideration." Does not include the reasonable  
4 costs associated with the removal, storage and transportation of  
5 a human organ, but includes any other consideration.

6 Section 2. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.