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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 491 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, V. BROWN, HARKINS, KIRKLAND, MAHONEY, MURT  
AND THOMAS, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in anatomical gifts,  
3 further providing for The Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial  
4 Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 8622(c) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 8622. The Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue  
10 Donation Awareness Trust Fund.

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12 (c) Advisory committee.--The Organ Donation Advisory  
13 Committee is hereby established, with membership as follows:

14 (1) Two representatives of organ procurement  
15 organizations.

16 (2) Two representatives of tissue procurement providers.

17 (3) Six members representative of organ, tissue and eye  
18 recipients, families of recipients and families of donors.

19 (4) Three representatives of acute care hospitals.

1 (5) One representative of the Department of Health.

2 (6) One representative of eye banks.

3 (7) One representative of federally qualified community  
4 health centers.

5 (8) One representative of the Department of  
6 Transportation.

7 All members shall be appointed by the Governor. Appointments  
8 shall be made in a manner that provides representation of the  
9 northwest, north central, northeast, southwest, south central  
10 and southeast regions of this Commonwealth. Members shall serve  
11 five-year terms. The Governor may reappoint advisory committee  
12 members for successive terms. Members of the advisory committee  
13 shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and  
14 qualified. If vacancies occur prior to completion of a term, the  
15 Governor shall appoint another member in accordance with this  
16 subsection to fill the unexpired term. The advisory committee  
17 shall meet at least biannually to review progress in the area of  
18 organ and tissue donation in this Commonwealth, recommend  
19 education and awareness training programs, recommend priorities  
20 in expenditures from the fund and advise the Secretary of Health  
21 on matters relating to administration of the fund. The advisory  
22 committee shall recommend legislation as it deems necessary to  
23 fulfill the purposes of this chapter. The advisory committee  
24 shall submit a report concerning its activities and progress to  
25 the General Assembly within 30 days prior to the expiration of  
26 each legislative session. The Department of Health shall  
27 reimburse members of the advisory committee for all necessary  
28 and reasonable travel and other expenses incurred in the  
29 performance of their duties under this section.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.