

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 279

H.P. 186

House of Representatives, February 2, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville.  
Cosponsored by Representative TRACY of Rome.

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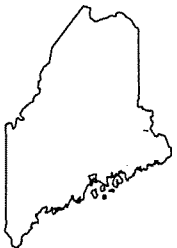
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Allow Minors to Make Anatomical Gifts.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2902, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Minors. Any individual of sound mind who is not of legal age but who is at least 16 years of age may give all or any part of that individual's body for any purposes specified in section 2903, the gift to take effect upon death, provided that the parents of the individual consent to any donation that is not an emergency. Parental consent is not required for emergency donations. An emergency donation is one in which the donor's death is sudden and unexpected and that must be made immediately in order to be of value to a donee.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §540, 4th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 639, §2, is amended to read:

The Secretary of State shall provide, on each license to operate motor vehicles or motorcycles issued to a person 18 16 years of age or older at time of issuance, a statement indicating a willingness to make an anatomical gift under Title 22, chapter 710.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §540, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 639, §2, is amended to read:

At the time of issuance of a first license or renewal to any person 18 16 years of age or older, the Secretary of State shall make available a decal indicating "organ donor," which may be affixed to the license by the licensee to indicate a willingness to make an anatomical gift under Title 22, chapter 710.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows minors who are at least 16 years of age to donate organs under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Donations that are not emergencies must be approved by parents.

This bill also makes changes in the motor vehicle laws to make them consistent with the other provisions in this bill.