AN ACT

relating to donees of anatomical gifts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 692.005, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 692.005. PERSONS WHO MAY BECOME DONEES. (a) The following persons may be donees of gifts of bodies or parts of bodies:

(1) a qualified organ procurement organization, for distribution to another person who may be a donee under this section, to be used for transplantation;

(2) a hospital or physician, to be used only for therapy or transplantation;

(3) a bank or storage facility, to be used only for therapy or transplantation;

(4) a person specified by a physician, to be used only for therapy or transplantation needed by the person;

(5) an eye bank the medical activities of which are directed by a physician;

(6) a forensic science program at:

(A) a general academic teaching institution, as defined by Section 61.003(3), Education Code; or

(B) a private or independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003(15), Education Code;
(7) the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas.

(b) Except for donations to a forensic science program under Subsection (a)(6), the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas shall be the donee of gifts of bodies or parts of bodies made for education or research, which are subject to distribution by that board under Chapter 691.

(c) A forensic science program that receives a donation under Subsection (a)(6) must submit a report to the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas on a quarterly basis that lists:

(1) the number of bodies or parts of bodies the forensic science program received; and

(2) the method in which the forensic science program used the bodies or parts of bodies for education or research.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 995 passed the Senate on April 21, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 995 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Approved:

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Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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