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An Act to make provision for the removal of organs for transplantation, for the prohibition of trading in organs and blood, and for purposes connected therewith.

[16 July 1987]

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Human Organ Transplant Act 1987.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“designated officer”, in relation to a hospital, means a person appointed under section 3 to be the designated officer of the hospital;

“Director” means the Director of Medical Services;

“hospital” means a hospital which is declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, to be a hospital for the purposes of this Act or any part of the Act;

“licensee”, in relation to a hospital, means a person —

- (a) to whom a licence has been issued under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Cap. 248) in respect of the hospital; or
- (b) who is authorised to provide an acute hospital service under a licence granted under the Healthcare Services Act 2020;

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“living donor organ transplant” means the removal of a specified organ from the body of any living person for the purpose of its transplantation into the body of another living person;

“medical practitioner” means a person who is registered, or deemed to be registered, as a medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act 1997;

“organ” means —

- (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), any organ of a human body specified in the First Schedule; and
- (b) for the purposes of Parts 4 and 4A, any organ of a human body;

“specified organ” means any organ of a human body specified in the Second Schedule;

“transplant ethics committee”, in relation to a hospital, means a committee of the hospital appointed under section 16(1).

Designated officers

3. The Director may appoint, in writing, any medical practitioner to be the designated officer of a hospital for the purposes of this Act.

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PART 2

REMOVAL OF ORGAN AFTER DEATH

Authorities may remove organ after death

4.—(1) The designated officer of a hospital may, subject to and in accordance with this section, authorise, in writing, the removal of any organ from the body of a person who has died in the hospital for the purpose of the transplantation of the organ to the body of a living person.

(2) No authority may be given under subsection (1) for the removal of the organ from the body of any deceased person —

- (a) who has during the deceased person’s lifetime registered his or her objection with the Director to the removal of the organ from his or her body after his or her death;
- (b) who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of Singapore;
- (c) who is below 21 years of age unless the deceased person’s parent or guardian has consented to such removal; or
- (d) whom the designated officer, after making such inquiries as are reasonable in the circumstances, has reason to believe was mentally disordered, unless the deceased person’s parent or guardian has consented to such removal.

(3) In this section, “permanent resident” includes —

- (a) a person who holds a Singapore blue identity card; and