

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60

Approved by the Governor February 17, 1983

Introduced by Wiitala, 31

AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for the removal and donation of eye tissue during an autopsy as prescribed.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. When an autopsy is performed by the physician authorized by the county coroner to perform such autopsy, the physician or an appropriately qualified designee with training in ophthalmologic techniques, as provided for in subsection (2) of section 71-4807, may remove eye tissue of the decedent for the purpose of transplantation if the:

- (1) Autopsy was authorized by the county coroner;
- (2) County coroner receives permission from the person having control of the disposition of the decedent's remains pursuant to section 71-1339; and
- (3) Removal of eye tissue will not interfere with the course of any subsequent investigation or alter the decedent's post mortem facial appearance.

The removed eye tissue shall be transported to the Director of Health or any desired institution or health facility as prescribed by section 71-1341.