

Bill #4
The Organ Donation Act
Moved By: Minister of Human Resources

WHEREAS in 2019, 4419 Canadians were on the waitlist for an organ transplant. Of those, 77% were waiting for a kidney;¹⁰ and

WHEREAS in December 2018, 223 died while waiting for an organ donation;¹¹ and

WHEREAS cadavers are ideal for practicing medical procedures.¹²

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Act is to:
 - a. Mandate organ and body donation of a person that has recently been deceased;
 - b. Establish Department of Every Aspect's Donation [**DEAD**].

Establishing DEAD

2. The Act hereby establishes **DEAD**.
3. The role of the committee shall be, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Hearing any requests of exemption from people;
 - i. This can be submitted by a living person for themselves, or by a family member for a recently deceased loved one.
 - ii. Requests for exemptions must be comprehensive and can include but is not limited to the following:
 1. Religious beliefs,
 2. Commitment of donating any part of the body to an existing person or institution.
 - b. Generating and constantly updating the database of patients requiring organ transplant;
 - c. Having a representative at every public hospital;
 - d. Hearing any requests for cadavers by institutions and private projects, including public hospitals.

¹⁰ "Be an Organ Donor." The Kidney Foundation of Canada, 2019, <https://kidney.ca/Get-Involved/Be-an-Organ-Donor>

¹¹ "Annual Statistics on Organ Replacement in Canada." CIHI Canada, Canadian Institute for Health Information, <https://www.cihi.ca/sites/default/files/document/corr-snapshot-2019-en.pdf>.

¹² "ICS Cremation & Funeral Home." ICS Cremation & Funeral Home - Funeral Planner Lake City, FL, 20 Sept. 2017, <https://icsfuneralservices.com/2017/09/how-cadavers-are-used-to-advance-science-and-learning-a-closer-look-from-a-funeral-planner-in-lake-city-fl/>

4. **DEAD** shall include specialized positions reserved for the following:
 - a. Doctors;
 - i. One doctor shall represent each specialized medical field.
 - b. An ethics officer;
 - c. A chief surgeon;
 - d. A medical school professor.

Implementation

5. The Act grants all approved entities to use the necessary organs or body of a deceased person of Canadian citizenship of any age.
 - a. This can mean any part of the body such as blood, vessels, and so on.
 - i. This does not mean that every single deceased person will be able to partake in the provisions of this Act.
 - b. If a person matches with a patient waiting for organ donation, they will be required to donate the necessary organs.
 - c. The body will be returned to the family after all necessary surgeries have been performed.
6. The donation of a full body may be authorized in order to assist in advances in science or to assist medical interns.
 - a. The body may or may not be returned to the family of the deceased.

Logistics

7. A deceased person should be reported to the nearest hospital as soon as they are discovered to have passed.
 - a. This report can be made virtually or by calling the hospital.
 - b. Hospitals must disclose all reports to the **DEAD** representative at their location.
8. A government-commissioned hearse will be available to transport the body to and from the hospital.

Fines

9. Anyone who breaks the Act shall be legally punished and charged under theft.
10. If a body is withheld from authorities on purpose for 24 hours, with the intention of escaping the provisions of this Act, the person shall be punished more severely.
 - a. This will include a \$2,000 fine and up to 2 years jail time without probation for all parties involved.