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An act relating to the Organ and Tissue Donation Working Group

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION WORKING GROUP

(a) There is created an organ and tissue donation working group for the purpose of making recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor related to organ and tissue donations.

(b) The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Commissioner of Health or designee, who shall serve as chair;

(2) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee;

(3) a representative of the Vermont Medical Society;

(4) representatives from the federally designated organ procurement organizations serving Vermont;

(5) a licensed funeral director or crematory operator;

(6) a family member of a decedent who made an anatomical gift under 18 V.S.A. chapter 110; and

(7) other interested stakeholders.

(c) The Working Group shall develop recommendations regarding:

(1) coordination of the efforts of all public and private entities within the State that are involved with the donation and transplantation of human organs and tissues;

- (2) the creation of a comprehensive statewide program for organ and tissue donations and transplants;
  - (3) the establishment of goals and strategies for increasing donation rates of organs and tissues in Vermont, whether from a live or deceased donor;
  - (4) issues related to health insurance and other relevant insurance types;
  - (5) issues related to employment, including sick time, for those persons willing to be live donors of organs and tissue; and
  - (6) other issues related to organ and tissue donation and transplantation.
- (d) The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Health.
- (e) The Working Group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services, on Health Care, and on Transportation, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Transportation, and to the Governor by January 15, 2017. The report shall include a recommendation about whether the Department of Health should establish an ongoing advisory council on organ and tissue donation.
- (f) The Working Group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.