

SENATE FILE NO. SF0083

Eye tissue recovery.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peck and Representative(s) Tipton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to eye tissue recovery; amending
2 requirements for persons qualified to perform eye tissue
3 recovery as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-5-111(a) and (b) (intro) is amended
8 to read:

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10 **35-5-111. Eye tissue recovery; persons eligible to**
11 **perform recovery of donated eye tissue.**

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13 (a) A licensed funeral director or undertaker as
14 defined in W.S. 33-16-301, a registered nurse licensed to
15 practice in this state, a physician's assistant certified
16 in Wyoming or an ophthalmic technician certified by the
17 American Board of Ophthalmology may upon certification of

1 competence under subsection (b) of this section, enucleate
2 eyes. Any individual who has successfully completed a
3 course of training in eye tissue recovery sponsored by an
4 Eye Bank Association of America accredited eye bank may
5 perform eye tissue recovery for a gift in accordance with
6 W.S. 35-5-101 through 35-5-109 after proper determination
7 of death by a physician. For purposes of this subsection,
8 proper determination of death does not mean the execution
9 and registration of a formal death certificate.

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11 (b) To perform eye enucleation under subsection (a)
12 of this section, a qualified funeral director, undertaker,
13 registered nurse, physician's assistant or ophthalmic
14 technician shall first successfully complete a course in
15 eye enucleation and receive certification of competence
16 from a medical school in the United States or from an
17 ophthalmologist licensed to practice in the United States
18 and certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. ~~The~~
19 ~~certificate shall provide:~~ or successfully complete a
20 course of training in eye tissue recovery sponsored by an
21 eye bank accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America.

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23 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-5-111(b) (i) and (ii) is repealed.
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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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