

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. 0083

ENROLLED ACT NO. 18, SENATE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(a) A licensed funeral director or undertaker as defined in W.S. 33-16-301, a registered nurse licensed to practice in this state, a physician's assistant certified in Wyoming or an ophthalmic technician certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology may upon certification of competence under subsection (b) of this section, enucleate eyes. Any individual who has successfully completed a course of training in eye tissue recovery sponsored by an Eye Bank Association of America accredited eye bank may perform eye tissue recovery for a gift in accordance with W.S. 35-5-101 through 35-5-109 after proper determination of death by a physician. For purposes of this subsection, proper determination of death does not mean the execution and registration of a formal death certificate.

(b) To perform eye enucleation under subsection (a) of this section, a qualified funeral director, undertaker, registered nurse, physician's assistant or ophthalmic technician shall first successfully complete a course in eye enucleation and receive certification of competence from a medical school in the United States or from an ophthalmologist licensed to practice in the United States and certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. ~~The~~

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~~certificate shall provide:~~ or successfully complete a course of training in eye tissue recovery sponsored by an eye bank accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America.

**Section 2.** W.S. 35-5-111(b) (i) and (ii) is repealed.

**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk