

RESOLUTION 93-07A

Title: Position Paper on Uniform Anatomical Gift Act

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House Action: No Action

Whereas, the county medical examiner is the best person qualified to balance the competing interest between medicine and law, and

Whereas, medical examiners should not devolve the responsibility to decide whether a body under his or her jurisdiction may be an organ or tissue donor to treating physicians, organ tissue procurement organization personnel, transplant surgeons, law enforcement personnel, or prosecuting attorneys, and

Whereas, medical examiner denials for organ and/or tissue procurement sometimes involve cases of known or suspected child abuse or cases of possible Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and

Whereas, many of the arguments against procurement in certain types of cases appear to be motivated by the possibility of adversely affecting a future legal proceeding; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS review the position paper of the National Association of Medical Examiners regarding the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and make recommendations to the MSMS House of Delegates in 2008.

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