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# H. R. 1835

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2019

Mr. RUSH (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Consensual Donation  
5 and Research Integrity Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. HUMAN BODIES AND HUMAN BODY PARTS DO-**  
2 **NATED OR TRANSFERRED FOR EDUCATION,**  
3 **RESEARCH, OR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MED-**  
4 **ICAL, DENTAL, OR MORTUARY SCIENCE AND**  
5 **NOT FOR USE IN HUMAN TRANSPLANTATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by insert-  
8 ing after section 373 the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 373A. HUMAN BODIES AND HUMAN BODY PARTS DO-**  
10 **NATED OR TRANSFERRED FOR EDUCATION,**  
11 **RESEARCH, OR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MED-**  
12 **ICAL, DENTAL, OR MORTUARY SCIENCE AND**  
13 **NOT FOR USE IN HUMAN TRANSPLANTATION.**

14 “(a) REGISTRATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person who acquires or  
16 transfers in or affecting interstate commerce a  
17 human body or human body part for education, re-  
18 search, or the advancement of medical, dental, or  
19 mortuary science (and not for use in human trans-  
20 plantation) shall register with the Secretary at such  
21 time and in such manner as the Secretary may re-  
22 quire.

23 “(2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—An appli-  
24 cant for registration or renewal of registration under  
25 this section shall submit an application to the Sec-  
26 retary containing such information as the Secretary

1       may by regulation require on the activities to be car-  
2       ried out pursuant to the registration. Unless the  
3       Secretary specifies otherwise by regulation, an appli-  
4       cation shall include—

5               “(A) the name of the applicant, including  
6               all trade names under which the applicant con-  
7               ducts business;

8               “(B) the date on which the applicant first  
9               began or will begin commencing activities de-  
10              scribed in paragraph (1);

11              “(C) a list of all addresses at which the  
12              applicant conducts business;

13              “(D) a description of the premises and  
14              equipment used by the applicant;

15              “(E) a description of the types of service  
16              provided by the applicant;

17              “(F) an identification of a representative  
18              of the applicant who has attained the age of 18  
19              and has the authority to ensure that the appli-  
20              cant complies with this section;

21              “(G) an assurance that the applicant will  
22              keep records in accordance with subsection (c);

23              “(H) an assurance that the applicant will  
24              label and package all human bodies or human

1 body parts in accordance with subsection (d);  
2 and

3 “(I) an assurance that the Secretary will  
4 be permitted to inspect the premises and  
5 records of the applicant at the times and in the  
6 manners prescribed under subsection (b).

7 “(3) FEES.—

8 “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall es-  
9 tablish a fee for registration under paragraph  
10 (1) and renewal under paragraph (4) in an  
11 amount in accordance with subparagraph (B).

12 “(B) AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall deter-  
13 mine the amount of the fees authorized by sub-  
14 paragraph (A) on an annual basis based on the  
15 projected cost of implementing and enforcing  
16 this section, including the cost of inspections  
17 under subsection (b).

18 “(C) COLLECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS  
19 ACTS.—The fees authorized by subparagraph  
20 (A) shall be available for obligation only to the  
21 extent and in the amounts provided in advance  
22 in appropriations Acts.

23 “(4) REGISTRATION RENEWAL.—The Secretary  
24 shall require that the registration of a registrant be

1 renewed by such registrant at such intervals as the  
2 Secretary determines appropriate.

3 “(5) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.—Not later  
4 than 30 days after any change of any information  
5 listed in paragraph (2), an applicant or registrant  
6 shall notify the Secretary of such change in writing  
7 as prescribed by regulation by the Secretary.

8 “(b) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary shall inspect at  
9 regular intervals (to be prescribed by the Secretary) the  
10 premises described in subsection (a)(2)(D).

11 “(c) RECORD KEEPING.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A registrant shall compile  
13 or maintain a record for each case in which the reg-  
14 istrant acquires a human body or human body part.

15 “(2) RECORD REQUIREMENTS.—A record under  
16 paragraph (1) shall contain such information as the  
17 Secretary may by regulation require. Unless the Sec-  
18 retary specifies otherwise by regulation, a record  
19 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

20 “(A) Documentation that the donor has  
21 knowingly consented to the transfer of the  
22 human body or human body part (not for use  
23 in transplantation) involved for education, re-  
24 search, or the advancement of medical, dental,  
25 or mortuary science in accordance with all ap-

1           plicable laws pertaining to the disposition of  
2           human remains.

3           “(B) Documentation that the donor has  
4           been informed of the obligation of the reg-  
5           istrant under subsection (e) to dispose of the  
6           human body or human body part.

7           “(C) The date and time of the donation or  
8           transfer from the donor.

9           “(D) The name of the person, including  
10          any trade or business name, who transferred  
11          the human body or human body part to the reg-  
12          istrant, if applicable.

13          “(E) The full name and most recent ad-  
14          dress of the donor.

15          “(F) A description of the human body or  
16          human body part being acquired or transferred.

17          “(G) The medical history of the donor, in-  
18          cluding the autopsy report if an autopsy was  
19          conducted.

20          “(H) The identity and address of each per-  
21          son that has been in possession of the human  
22          body or human body part prior to the reg-  
23          istrant, including any funeral home, coroner,  
24          hospital, organ procurement organization, or  
25          tissue bank.

1           “(I) Documentation of the use and dispo-  
2           sition of each human body or human body part  
3           by the registrant.

4           “(J) Documentation of the name and ad-  
5           dress of each person to whom the registrant  
6           transfers such human body or human body  
7           part.

8           “(d) LABELING AND PACKAGING.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A registrant shall ensure  
10          that all human bodies and human body parts in the  
11          possession of, or transferred by, a registrant are la-  
12          beled and packaged in accordance with paragraphs  
13          (2) and (3).

14          “(2) LABELING REQUIREMENTS.—A label  
15          under paragraph (1) shall contain such information  
16          as the Secretary may by regulation require con-  
17          sistent with any applicable Federal privacy provi-  
18          sions. Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise by  
19          regulation, a label under paragraph (1) shall include  
20          the following:

21                  “(A) The proper name of the donor.

22                  “(B) A description of the contents of the  
23                  package, indicating whether it is a human body  
24                  or human body parts, including a list of all  
25                  such parts.

1           “(C) The name, address, and any applica-  
2           ble license or registration number of the person  
3           transferring the human body or human body  
4           part.

5           “(D) The tissue types of the human body  
6           or human body part.

7           “(E) The cause of death of the donor, if  
8           applicable and known.

9           “(F) Serological test results, if any such  
10          results exist.

11          “(G) Any known infectious disease agents  
12          of such human body or human body part.

13          “(H) A statement about the use of per-  
14          sonal protective equipment and universal pre-  
15          cautions when handling a human body or  
16          human body part as required by law.

17          “(I) The statement ‘not for transplan-  
18          tation.’.

19          “(3)    PACKAGING    REQUIREMENTS.—Each  
20          human body or human body part described in para-  
21          graph (1) shall be wrapped and packaged in such  
22          manner as the Secretary may by regulation require.  
23          Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise by regula-  
24          tion, each such human body or human body part  
25          shall be wrapped and packaged in a manner that—



1           “(A) mitigates potential contamination and  
2           cross contamination;

3           “(B) mitigates potential safety hazards;

4           “(C) is sealed to prevent leakage; and

5           “(D) ensures the integrity of the human  
6           body or human body part.

7           “(e) DISPOSITION.—The registrant shall ensure the  
8           proper disposition of a human body or human body part,  
9           in accordance with applicable Federal and State law, by—

10           “(1) returning the human body or human body  
11           part to a relative or personal representative of the  
12           donor or carrying out the disposition of such human  
13           body or human body part; or

14           “(2) if the registrant is transferring the human  
15           body or human body part to another person, con-  
16           tracting with such person to assume the obligation  
17           described in paragraph (1).

18           “(f) VIOLATIONS.—

19           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person who violates a  
20           requirement of this section shall be fined in accord-  
21           ance with title 18, United States Code.

22           “(2) REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION.—The  
23           Secretary may suspend or revoke the registration of  
24           any registrant found to be in violation of this sec-  
25           tion.

1           “(3) ALTERATION OR FALSIFICATION OF  
2 LABEL.—It shall be a violation of this section for  
3 any person to alter or falsify any information in a  
4 label required by subsection (d).

5           “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           “(1) DONOR.—The term ‘donor’ means a per-  
7 son who has knowingly consented in accordance with  
8 applicable law to the transfer of such person’s de-  
9 ceased body or deceased or living body part (not for  
10 use in transplantation) for education, research, or  
11 the advancement of medical, dental, or mortuary  
12 science.

13           “(2) EDUCATION.—The term ‘education’ means  
14 the use of a human body or body parts for teaching  
15 or training individuals, including medical, dental, or  
16 mortuary science students or professionals, with re-  
17 gard to the anatomy and characteristics of the  
18 human body, disease detection, and such other uses  
19 as may be specified by the Secretary by regulation.

20           “(3) HUMAN BODY.—The term ‘human body’  
21 means a deceased human body.

22           “(4) HUMAN BODY PART.—The terms ‘human  
23 body part’ or ‘body part’ mean an organ, tissue, eye,  
24 bone, blood vessel or any other portion of a deceased  
25 or living human body that is subject to an anatom-

1 ical gift or other transfer made pursuant to State  
2 law, but do not include—

3 “(A) blood drawn for medical purposes; or

4 “(B) a growing cell line.

5 “(5) RESEARCH.—The term ‘research’ does not  
6 include an autopsy or examination, conducted as  
7 part of a criminal investigation.”.

8 (b) RULE OF APPLICABILITY.—The amendments  
9 made by this section shall apply with respect to any acqui-  
10 sition or transfer of a human body or human body parts  
11 after the date that is 2 years after the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act.

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