

SENATE BILL 917

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By: **Senator Carter**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transport of a Body After Anatomical Gift – Fees – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain entities that provide certain services for the
4 transportation of a body from charging a fee to certain individuals under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to fees and the transport of bodies.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Health – General
8 Section 5–101
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 5–515
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 5–101.

20 In this title, “body” means a dead human body.

21 **5–515.**

22 **(A) A PERSON THAT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BODY FROM A HOSPITAL TO A CEMETERY, CREMATORY, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT,
2 PLACE OF WORSHIP, OR RESIDENCE MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE
3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE DECEASED'S CUSTODIAN IF:

4 (1) THE BODY HAS UNDERGONE A PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE AN
5 ANATOMICAL GIFT; AND

6 (2) THE DECEASED'S CUSTODIAN IS INDIGENT OR MEDICALLY
7 INDIGENT.

8 (B) A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR THE
9 TRANSPORTATION OF A BODY FOLLOWING A PROCEDURE FOR AN ANATOMICAL GIFT
10 MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IF THE BODY IS
11 TRANSPORTED TO A CEMETERY, CREMATORY, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, PLACE OF
12 WORSHIP, OR RESIDENCE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2020.