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BILL 32

HUMAN TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION ACT

MR. LIEPERT

In the government bill, doctors must take action only when their patient is dead. They must mark in the patient's chart whether the patient is suitable for organ donation. If they are, the doctor must notify the HOPE agency.

AMA president Dr. T.K. Lee said the organization is much happier with the new bill.

"We really commend Mr. Liepert for his significant leadership," Lee added. The goal of getting more organ donations is one the AMA and Liepert share, he added.

In Ontario, a law that came into effect in January requires 13 major hospitals to report all deaths to the provincial organ procurement agency, the Trillium Gift of Life Network.

Three hundred organ transplants, including islet cells transplants for diabetics, were done in Edmonton last year. All but 43 of the organs transplanted came from people who had died.

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