GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

SESSION LAW 2003-70 SENATE BILL 422

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE REGISTRY LAW TO EXEMPT FROM NOTARY REQUIREMENTS ANATOMICAL GIFT INSTRUMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-466 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-466. Filing requirements.

(a) A person may submit any of the following documents and the revocations of these documents to the Secretary of State for filing in the Advance Health Care Directive Registry established pursuant to this Article:

(1) A health care power of attorney under Article 3 of Chapter 32A of the

General Statutes.

(2) A declaration of a desire for a natural death under Article 23 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

(3) An advance instruction for mental health treatment under Part 2 of

Article 3 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes.

(4) A declaration of an anatomical gift under Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes.

- (b) Any document and any revocation of a document submitted for filing in the registry shall be notarized regardless of whether notarization is required for its validity. This subsection does not apply to the document described in subdivision (a)(4) of this section.
- (c) The document may be submitted for filing only by the person who executed the document.
 - (d) The person who submits the document shall supply a return address.
 - (e) The document shall be accompanied by any fee required by this Article."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of May, 2003.

- s/ Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- s/ James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives
- s/ Michael F. Easley Governor