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STATE ANATOMY BOARD

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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: SB0917 - Transport of a Body After Anatomical Gift - Fees – Prohibition – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Kelley:

The Maryland State Anatomy Board is submitting this letter of information with amendments for SB0917. This bill would prohibit a company from charging a fee for a body donor transportation to the deceased custodian if they are indigent or medically indigent.

The State Anatomy Board provides transportation services for the transportation of a body following an anatomic gift. Under State Anatomy Board policies, individuals or families of individuals who make an anatomic donation are never charged a fee. The State Anatomy Board would like to offer the following amendment clarifying that the authority to charge a commercial service a fee for transportation should be retained under the law when we provide such services for a commercial entity.

On page 2, in line 10, insert the following language:

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

I hope you find this information useful. If you have questions or need more information on this subject, please contact Webster Ye, Director, Office of Government Affairs, at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Regards,

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