

# HOUSE BILL No. 5150

September 24, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Perry Bullard, Gubow, Sparks, Berman, Dobronski and Dolan and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to provide for the determination of death; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "uniform determination of death act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Physician" means a person licensed as a physician under  
5 part 170 or part 175 of the public health code, Act No. 368 of  
6 the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 333.17001 to 333.17088  
7 and 333.17501 to 333.17556 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

8       (b) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed as a regis-  
9 tered professional nurse under part 172 of the public health  
10 code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections  
11 333.17201 to 333.17242 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

1       Sec. 3. (1) An individual who has sustained either of the  
2 following is dead:

3       (a) Irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory  
4 functions.

5       (b) Irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire  
6 brain, including the brain stem.

7       (2) A determination of death shall be made in accordance  
8 with accepted medical standards.

9       (3) A physician or registered nurse may pronounce the death  
10 of a person in accordance with this act.

11      Sec. 4. This act shall be applied and construed to effectu-  
12 ate its general purpose and to make uniform the law with respect  
13 to the subject of this act among states enacting it.

14      Sec. 5. Act No. 124 of the Public Acts of 1979, being sec-  
15 tions 333.1021 to 333.1024 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
16 repealed.