

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 24

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Health

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require coroners and funeral directors to notify eye and
2 tissue banks of certain deaths for the purpose of anatomical gifts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 34-26 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 If a death occurs outside a medical facility, any funeral director or coroner having legal
7 custody of the decedent shall notify the appropriate eye and tissue bank facilities of the
8 decedent's death for the purpose of ascertaining whether an anatomical gift is appropriate. The
9 report shall be made within six hours of the estimated time of death of the decedent in order to
10 facilitate timely donation of an anatomical gift.