Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/8/05	
2	85th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2005		SENATE BILL 17
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5	By: Senator Faris		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN DONATION FROM A DECEDENT		
10	WHO DIED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING AN		
11	AUTOPSY;	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14	DECEDE	NT WHO DIED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES	
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 3 is amended		
21	to add an additional section as follows:		
22	12-12-325. Autopsies — Anatomical gifts.		
23	(a) Upon a reques	st from an entity authorized unde	er the Arkansas
24	Anatomical Gift Act § 20	0-17-601 et seq., the coroner and	<u>d his or her</u>
25	assistants are authorize	ed to allow any or all parts of a	a human body to be
26	removed and donate the	part or parts in accordance with	the procedures set
27	forth in the Arkansas Ar	natomical Gift Act.	
28	(b) If no autopsy	y is required, the part or parts	to be donated shall
29	be released in accordance	ce with the procedures set forth	in the Arkansas
30	Anatomical Gift Act.		
31	(c) If an autopsy	y is required under § 12-12-318 a	and the coroner
32	determines that the removal of the part or parts will not interfere with the		
33	subsequent course of an investigation or autopsy, the part or parts shall be		
34	released in accordance with the Arkansas Anatomical Gift Act. The autopsy		
35	will be performed in a t	timely manner following the remov	val of the part or
36	parts.		

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1	(d)(1) If the coroner is considering withholding one (1) or more part		
2	of a potential donor for any reason, the coroner shall consult with the chie		
3	medical examiner or his or her designee.		
4	(2) If after consulting with the chief medical examiner or his		
5	or her designee, the coroner denies removal of the part or parts, he or she		
6	shall explain in writing the reasons for the denial and shall be present		
7	during the removal of the part or parts.		
8	(e) At the request of the coroner, or in the case in which the autopsy		
9	is performed by someone other than the coroner, a document shall be filed		
10	with the coroner detailing the condition of the part or parts removed and th		
11	relationship, if any, to the cause of death.		
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