

UNIFORM DETERMINATION OF DEATH ACT
Act of Dec. 17, 1982, P.L. 1401, No. 323
AN ACT

Cl. 35

Providing for determination of death.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Uniform Determination of Death Act."

Section 2. Uniformity of construction and application.

This act shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this act among states enacting it.

Section 3. Determination of death.

Only an individual who has sustained either:

(1) irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions; or

(2) irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem;

is dead. A determination of death must be made in accordance with accepted medical standards.

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.