

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 157.06 (4) (c) and 157.06 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 anatomical gifts and the powers and duties of coroners and medical examiners.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 157.06 (4) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 157.06 (4) (c) 1. If a decedent is within the custody of a coroner or medical examiner,
5 and the decedent is either a donor or an individual for whom a document of gift has been
6 executed under sub. (3), the coroner or medical examiner or the designee of the coroner or
7 medical examiner may perform an examination, autopsy, or analysis of the tissues or organs
8 only in a manner and within a time period compatible with their preservation for the purposes
9 of transplantation.

10 2. If the examination, autopsy, or analysis has not been undertaken in the manner and
11 within the time provided in subd. 1., an individual who removes a part that is an anatomical
12 gift from a decedent whose death is under investigation by a coroner or medical examiner may
13 remove the part after giving notice to the coroner or medical examiner or a designee of the
14 coroner or medical examiner. In that case, the coroner or medical examiner or a designee of
15 the coroner or medical examiner:

16 a. Shall be present during removal of the part if, in his or her, judgment the part may
17 be involved in the cause of death, and may request a biopsy of the part or deny removal.

18 b. Shall explain in writing any reasons for determining that the part may be involved
19 in the cause of death.

