



1           the Food and Drug Administration as a tissue bank, and is involved in  
2           procuring, furnishing, donating, or distributing corneas, bones, or other  
3           human tissue for the purpose of injecting, transfusing, or transplanting  
4           any of them into the human body. "Tissue bank" does not include a  
5           licensed blood bank.

6           (8) "Qualified individual" means any of the following individuals who ~~has~~  
7           have completed a course in eye enucleation and has have been certified  
8           as competent to enucleate eyes or perform in situ excision by an eye  
9           bank accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America or by an  
10          accredited school of medicine in this State:

- 11          a.     An embalmer licensed to practice in this State;
- 12          b.     A physician's assistant approved by the North Carolina Medical  
13                Board pursuant to G.S. 90-18(13);
- 14          c.     A registered or a licensed practical nurse licensed by the Board  
15                of Nursing pursuant to Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General  
16                Statutes;
- 17          d.     A student who is enrolled in an accredited school of medicine  
18                operating within this State and who has completed two or more  
19                years of a course of study leading to the awarding of a degree of  
20                doctor of medicine;
- 21          e.     A technician who has successfully completed a written  
22                examination administered by an eye bank that is registered with  
23                the Food and Drug Administration and accredited by the Eye  
24                Bank Association of America. by the North Carolina Eye and  
25                ~~Human Tissue Bank, Inc., certified by the Eye Bank~~  
26                ~~Association of America."~~

27          **SECTION 2.** G.S. 130A-406(e) reads as rewritten:

28          "(e) In respect to a gift of an eye, a qualified individual may enucleate eyes or  
29          perform in situ excision for the gift after proper certification of death by a physician and  
30          upon the express direction of a physician other than the one who certified the death of  
31          the donor."

32          **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.