

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6469

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stephanie Tubbs Jones  
3 Organ Transplant Authorization Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The National Organ Transplant Act of  
7 1984 amended the Public Health Service Act to re-  
8 quire the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
9 to provide for, by contract with a private nonprofit  
10 entity, the establishment and operation of an Organ  
11 Procurement and Transplantation Network.

12 (2) The Organ Procurement and Transplan-  
13 tation Network represents a unique public-private  
14 organization that requires each party to contribute  
15 a certain amount of funding to the network’s oper-  
16 ation.

17 (3) The National Organ Transplant Act of  
18 1984 provided a statutory annual authorization of  
19 \$2,000,000 for such purpose with remaining costs to  
20 be paid by the private sector contractor.

21 (4) In 1984, the annual total operating cost of  
22 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-  
23 work was \$5,000,000, but in 2007 such annual cost  
24 exceeded \$27,000,000.

25 (5) The original authorization amount for the  
26 Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

1 has never been increased since the enactment of the  
2 National Organ Transplant Act of 1984, resulting in  
3 a greatly increased cost burden on the private sector  
4 contractor.

5 (6) Much of the increased costs of operation of  
6 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-  
7 work have resulted from additional duties and re-  
8 sponsibilities assigned to the private sector con-  
9 tractor by Federal regulations and Secretarial direc-  
10 tives.

11 **SEC. 3. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ORGAN PROCURE-**  
12 **MENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK.**

13 Section 372(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 274(a)) is amended by striking “\$2,000,000” and  
15 inserting “\$7,000,000”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,  
2008.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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