

An Act to make Provision with respect to the Use
of Eyes of Deceased Persons for Therapeutic
Purposes.

[19th October, 1954.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this
present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the
same as follows (that is to say):—

Short title and
commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Corneal Grafting Act*
1954 and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed
by proclamation of the Governor in Council published
in the *Government Gazette*.

Direction by
person for use
of his eyes
after death
for therapeutic
purposes.

2. (1) Where a person has during his life time by writing
in the prescribed form or to the like effect directed that
his eyes be used for therapeutic purposes after his death,
that direction shall be sufficient authority for the removal
of the eyes from his body after his death and their use
for the said purposes; but no such removal shall be
effected except by a legally qualified medical practitioner
who first satisfies himself by personal examination of the
body that life is extinct.

(2) If any such medical practitioner has reason to
believe that an inquest may be required to be held on
the body he shall not proceed to remove the eyes without
the consent of the coroner, and the coroner may in any
such case give his consent subject to such conditions as
he thinks proper.

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3. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to prescribing forms and any other matters or things necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Act. Regulations.

(2) All such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting or if Parliament is not then sitting within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament and a copy of all such regulations shall be posted to each member of Parliament. Publication.