
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1306 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY AND HUGHES,
MARCH 27, 2014

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 27, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in express anatomical
3 gifts, further providing for use of driver's license or
4 identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation.

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

7 Section 1. Section 8619(a) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 8619. Use of driver's license or identification card to
10 indicate organ or tissue donation.

11 (a) General rule.--[Beginning as soon as practicable, but no
12 later than January 1, 1995, or one year following the effective
13 date of this section, whichever is later, the] The Department of
14 Transportation shall [redesign] modify the driver's license and
15 identification card application system to [process requests for
16 information regarding consent of the individual to organ or
17 tissue donation.] advise all individuals that at the time of
18 applying for or renewing a driver's license or identification
19 card, the individual shall be deemed to have consented to

1 anatomical donation of his or her organs and tissue upon
2 determination of the individual's legal death, unless the
3 individual expressly elects not to be an organ and tissue donor.

4 The following instruction and question shall be [asked:

5 Do you wish to have the organ donor designation printed
6 on your driver's license?

7 Only an affirmative response of an individual]

8 provided on both the application for a driver's license or
9 identification card and on the organ donor designation at a
10 photo center:

11 Pennsylvania strongly supports organ and tissue donation
12 because of its life-saving and life-enhancing
13 opportunities. You are automatically deemed to have
14 consented to being an organ and tissue donor and this
15 designation will appear on your driver's license or
16 identification card. If you do not want to be considered
17 an organ and tissue donor, you must elect to not be
18 included on the organ donor registry by inserting your
19 initials on the line below.

20 _____ At this time, I do not wish to be included on the
21 organ donor registry.

22 Unless an individual responds that the individual does not want
23 to be considered a possible organ donor, the words "organ donor"
24 shall be noted on the front of the driver's license or
25 identification card [and shall clearly indicate the individual's
26 intent to donate his organs or tissue]. A notation on an
27 individual's driver's license or identification card that he
28 intends to donate his organs or tissue is deemed sufficient to
29 satisfy all requirements for consent to organ or tissue
30 donation.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.