
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
APRIL 10, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a performance evaluation of the Commonwealth's organ
3 and tissue donor awareness program established under Act 102
4 of 1994.

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's organ and tissue donor program is
6 a joint responsibility of the Department of Health, the
7 Department of Transportation, the Department of Education, the
8 Department of Revenue and the two Pennsylvania organ procurement
9 organizations that meet the requirements of section 371 of the
10 Public Health Service Act (58 Stat. 682, 42 U.S.C. § 273); and

11 WHEREAS, Each department is responsible for developing and
12 administering portions of the program designed to increase organ
13 and tissue donation and awareness in Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's two organ procurement organizations

1 are responsible for developing and administering portions of the
2 program designed to increase organ and tissue donation awareness
3 in Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, These programs are funded by the generosity of
5 concerned Pennsylvanians through voluntary donations to the
6 Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness
7 Trust Fund; and

8 WHEREAS, Since the enactment of Act 102 of 1994 there has
9 been a significant increase in the number of Pennsylvanians
10 placing the organ donor designation on their driver's license
11 and in other ways indicating their willingness to be an organ
12 and tissue donor; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the enactment of Act 102 of 1994 there has
14 been a significant increase in actual organ and tissue donations
15 in Pennsylvania, and thousands of people have received
16 lifesaving organ and tissue transplants; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 6,500 Pennsylvanians remain on the organ
18 donation waiting list, and thousands more are in need of tissue
19 transplants; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
21 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a
22 performance evaluation of the Commonwealth's organ and tissue
23 donor awareness program established under Act 102 of 1994; and
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report, with
26 recommendations as appropriate, which shall be submitted to the
27 Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
28 by November 30, 2006.