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S.B. No. 1561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contributions and registrations for an anatomical gift registry; authorizing a fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 502.405, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.405. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO DONOR REGISTRY [~~EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND REGISTRY PROGRAM~~].

SECTION 2. Sections 502.405(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall provide to each county assessor-collector the educational materials for prospective donors provided under Section 502.189 [~~as required by the Donor Education, Awareness, and Registry Program of Texas under Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code. The educational materials shall be made available in each office authorized to accept applications for registration of motor vehicles~~].

(b) When a person applies for the registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, the person may elect to contribute \$1 or more to the nonprofit organization administering the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry established under Chapter 692A, Health and Safety Code. The department shall remit any contribution paid under this subsection to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry fund created

1 under Section 692A.020, Health and Safety Code. Money received  
2 under this subsection by the organization may be used only for the  
3 purposes described by Section 692A.020(i), Health and Safety Code  
4 ~~[to manage the organization's registry, provide donor education,~~  
5 ~~and promote donor awareness]~~. The organization shall submit an  
6 annual report to the legislature and the comptroller that includes  
7 the total dollar amount of money received by the organization under  
8 this subsection. If a person makes a contribution under this  
9 section and does not pay the full amount of the registration fee,  
10 the department may credit all or a portion of the contribution to  
11 the person's registration fee. The department shall:

12 (1) include space on each motor vehicle registration  
13 renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for  
14 registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration  
15 to voluntarily contribute \$1 or more to the organization;

16 (2) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute  
17 \$1 or more to the organization during the registration renewal  
18 process on the department's Internet website; and

19 (3) provide an opportunity to contribute \$1 or more to  
20 the organization in any registration renewal system that succeeds  
21 the registration renewal system in place on September 1, 2015  
22 ~~[2013]~~.

23 SECTION 3. Section 521.008(a), Transportation Code, as  
24 added by Chapter 121 (S.B. 1815), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
25 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal  
27 driver's license under this chapter, the person may contribute \$1

1 or more to the nonprofit organization administering the Glenda  
2 Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry under Chapter 692A, Health and  
3 Safety Code.

4 SECTION 4. Section 521.126, Transportation Code, is amended  
5 by amending Subsections (b) and (i) and adding Subsection (n) to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (d), (e), (e-1), (g),  
8 (i), ~~and~~ (j), and (n), and Section 501.101, Business & Commerce  
9 Code, a person commits an offense if the person:

10 (1) accesses or uses electronically readable  
11 information derived from a driver's license, commercial driver's  
12 license, or personal identification certificate; or

13 (2) compiles or maintains a database of electronically  
14 readable information derived from driver's licenses, commercial  
15 driver's licenses, or personal identification certificates.

16 (i) The prohibition provided by Subsection (b) does not  
17 apply to a health care provider or hospital that accesses, uses,  
18 compiles, or maintains a database of the information to provide  
19 health care services to the individual who holds the driver's  
20 license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification  
21 certificate. If an individual objects to the collection of  
22 information under this subsection, the health care provider or  
23 hospital must use an alternative method to collect the individual's  
24 information.

25 (n) The prohibition provided by Subsection (b) does not  
26 apply to the nonprofit organization administering the Glenda Dawson  
27 Donate Life-Texas Registry under Section 692A.020, Health and

1 Safety Code, or an organ procurement organization, tissue bank, or  
2 eye bank, as those terms are defined by Section 692A.002, Health and  
3 Safety Code, for the purpose of scanning the individual's  
4 information on the individual's driver's license, commercial  
5 driver's license, or personal identification certificate to  
6 register the individual as an anatomical gift donor. Before  
7 transmitting information scanned under this subsection, the  
8 nonprofit organization, organ procurement organization, tissue  
9 bank, or eye bank shall:

10 (1) notify the individual of the registry's purpose  
11 and the purposes for which the information will be used; and

12 (2) require the individual to verify the accuracy of  
13 the information; and

14 (3) affirm the individual's consent to make an  
15 anatomical gift through the individual's use of the individual's  
16 electronic signature.

17 SECTION 5. Section 521.422(c), Transportation Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (c) When a person applies for the issuance or renewal of a  
20 personal identification card, including a duplicate personal  
21 identification card or a personal identification card issued or  
22 renewed over the Internet or by other electronic means, the person  
23 may elect to contribute \$1 or more to the nonprofit organization  
24 administering the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry  
25 established under Chapter 692A, Health and Safety Code. The  
26 department shall remit any contribution paid under this subsection  
27 to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the Glenda Dawson

1 Donate Life-Texas Registry fund created under Section 692A.020,  
2 Health and Safety Code. Before sending the money to the  
3 comptroller, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of  
4 reasonable expenses for administering this subsection, not to  
5 exceed five percent of the money collected under this subsection.  
6 The organization shall submit an annual report to the director of  
7 the department that includes the total dollar amount of money  
8 received by the organization under this subsection.

9 SECTION 6. Section 522.021, Transportation Code, is amended  
10 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

11 (e) When the department issues a license to which this  
12 section applies, the department shall provide the person to whom  
13 the license is issued with written information about the Glenda  
14 Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry operated under Chapter 692A,  
15 Health and Safety Code.

16 SECTION 7. Chapter 522, Transportation Code, is amended by  
17 adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

18 SUBCHAPTER J. ANATOMICAL GIFTS

19 Sec. 522.151. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "registry"  
20 means the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry established  
21 under Section 692A.020, Health and Safety Code.

22 Sec. 522.152. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO DONOR REGISTRY.

23 (a) When an individual applies for an original or renewal  
24 commercial driver's license under this chapter, the individual may  
25 contribute \$1 or more to the nonprofit organization administering  
26 the registry.

27 (b) The department shall:

1           (1) include space on each application for a new or  
2 renewal commercial driver's license that allows an individual  
3 applying for a new or renewal commercial driver's license to  
4 indicate that the individual is voluntarily contributing \$1 or more  
5 to the organization; and

6           (2) provide an opportunity for the individual to  
7 contribute \$1 or more to the organization during the application  
8 process for a new or renewal driver's license on the department's  
9 Internet website.

10          (c) The department shall remit any contribution made under  
11 this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the  
12 Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry fund created under Section  
13 692A.020, Health and Safety Code. Before sending the money to the  
14 comptroller, the department may deduct an amount, not to exceed  
15 five percent of the money collected under this section, for the  
16 reasonable expenses incurred by the department in administering  
17 this section.

18          (d) The organization shall submit an annual report to the  
19 director of the department that includes the total dollar amount of  
20 contributions received by the organization under this section.

21          Sec. 522.153. STATEMENT OF GIFT; PROVISION OF REGISTRY  
22 INFORMATION. (a) An individual who wishes to be an organ, tissue,  
23 or eye donor may execute a statement of gift.

24          (b) The statement of gift may be shown on a donor's  
25 commercial driver's license or by a card designed to be carried by  
26 the donor to evidence the donor's intentions with respect to organ,  
27 tissue, and eye donation. A donor card signed by the donor shall be

1 given effect as if executed under Section 692A.005, Health and  
2 Safety Code.

3 (c) The donor registry or organ procurement organizations,  
4 tissue banks, or eye banks, as those terms are defined by Section  
5 692A.002, Health and Safety Code, shall provide donor registry  
6 information to the department and the Texas Department of  
7 Transportation. The department, with expert input and support from  
8 the nonprofit organization administering the registry, shall:

9 (1) provide to each applicant for the issuance of an  
10 original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate commercial driver's  
11 license who applies in person, by mail, over the Internet, or by  
12 other electronic means:

13 (A) the opportunity to indicate on the person's  
14 commercial driver's license that the person is willing to make an  
15 anatomical gift, in the event of death, in accordance with Section  
16 692A.005, Health and Safety Code; and

17 (B) an opportunity for the individual to consent  
18 to inclusion in the registry and release to procurement  
19 organizations in the manner provided by Subsection (d); and

20 (2) provide a means to distribute registry information  
21 to interested individuals in each office authorized to issue  
22 commercial driver's licenses.

23 (d) The department shall:

24 (1) specifically ask each applicant only the question,  
25 "Would you like to register as an organ donor?"; and

26 (2) if the applicant responds affirmatively to the  
27 question asked under Subdivision (1), provide the individual's

1 name, date of birth, commercial driver's license number, most  
2 recent address, and other information needed for identification  
3 purposes at the time of donation to the nonprofit organization  
4 contracted to maintain the registry for inclusion in the registry.

5 (e) An affirmative statement of gift on an individual's  
6 commercial driver's license executed after August 31, 2015, shall  
7 be conclusive evidence of a decedent's status as a donor and serve  
8 as consent for organ, tissue, and eye removal.

9 (f) The department shall distribute at all field offices  
10 Donate Life brochures that provide basic donation information in  
11 English and Spanish and include a contact phone number and e-mail  
12 address. The department shall include the question required under  
13 Subsection (d)(1) and information on the donor registry Internet  
14 website in renewal notices.

15 Sec. 522.154. REVOCATION OF STATEMENT OF GIFT. (a) To  
16 revoke an affirmative statement of gift on an individual's  
17 commercial driver's license, the individual must apply to the  
18 department for an amendment to the license.

19 (b) The fee for an amendment is the same as the fee for a  
20 duplicate license.

21 (c) To have an individual's name removed from the registry,  
22 the individual must provide written notice to the nonprofit  
23 organization selected under Chapter 692A, Health and Safety Code,  
24 to maintain the registry directing the removal of the individual's  
25 name from the registry. On receipt of a written notice under this  
26 subsection, the organization shall promptly remove the  
27 individual's name and information from the registry.



1           SECTION 8. Section [521.126\(k\)](#), Transportation Code, is  
2 repealed.

3           SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.