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H.B. No. 4134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to publication of national organ transplant waiting list
3 information on the Department of State Health Services' Internet
4 website and donors included in the anatomical gift registry.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 692A.005(a), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) A donor may make an anatomical gift:

9 (1) on inclusion in the Glenda Dawson Donate
10 Life-Texas Registry, as demonstrated by [authorizing] a statement
11 or symbol [~~indicating that the donor has made an anatomical gift to~~
12 ~~be~~] imprinted on the donor's driver's license or personal
13 identification certificate in the manner described by Section
14 521.401, Transportation Code, indicating the donor is willing to
15 make an anatomical gift [card];

16 (2) in a will;

17 (3) during a terminal illness or injury of the donor,
18 by any form of communication addressed to at least two adults, at
19 least one of whom is a disinterested witness; or

20 (4) as provided in Subsection (b).

21 SECTION 2. Section 692A.007(a), Health and Safety Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of
24 the individual's body or part by:

1 (1) a record signed by:
2 (A) the individual; or
3 (B) subject to Subsection (b), another
4 individual acting at the direction of the individual if the
5 individual is physically unable to sign;

6 (2) the individual's will, whether or not the will is
7 admitted to probate or invalidated after the individual's death;
8 [~~or~~]

9 (3) any form of communication made by the individual
10 during the individual's terminal illness or injury addressed to at
11 least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness;
12 or

13 (4) for an individual 18 years of age or older,
14 submission of the individual's refusal with the individual's
15 application for an original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate
16 driver's license or personal identification certificate, in the
17 manner described by Section 521.401, Transportation Code.

18 SECTION 3. Chapter 692A, Health and Safety Code, is amended
19 by adding Section 692A.024 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 692A.024. INFORMATION ON NATIONAL WAITING LIST FOR
21 ORGAN TRANSPLANT. The department shall prepare and publish on the
22 department's Internet website information on the steps necessary to
23 be placed on the national waiting list for obtaining an organ
24 transplant.

25 SECTION 4. Section 502.189(b), Transportation Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (b) The department shall make available for distribution to

1 each office authorized to issue motor vehicle registrations Donate
2 Life brochures that provide basic donor information in English and
3 Spanish and a contact phone number and e-mail address. The
4 department shall ensure that the question provided in Section
5 521.401(c-1) [~~521.401(c)(1)(B)~~] and information on the donor
6 registry Internet website is included with registration renewal
7 notices.

8 SECTION 5. Sections 521.401(c), (c-1), and (e),
9 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

10 (c) Donor registry information shall be provided to the
11 department and the Texas Department of Transportation by organ
12 procurement organizations, tissue banks, or eye banks, as those
13 terms are defined in Section 692A.002, Health and Safety Code, or by
14 the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry operated under Chapter
15 692A, Health and Safety Code. The department, with expert input and
16 support from the nonprofit organization administering the Glenda
17 Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry, shall:

18 (1) provide to each applicant for the issuance of an
19 original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or
20 personal identification certificate who applies in person, by mail,
21 over the Internet, or by other electronic means:

22 (A) if the applicant is younger than 18 years of
23 age, an [the] opportunity for the person to:

24 (i) include a statement or symbol imprinted
25 [to indicate] on the person's driver's license or personal
26 identification certificate indicating that the person is willing to
27 make an anatomical gift, in the event of death, in accordance with

1 Section 692A.005, Health and Safety Code; and

2 (ii) [~~(B) an opportunity for the person to~~
3 consent to inclusion of the person's information in the statewide
4 Internet-based registry of organ, tissue, and eye donors and
5 release of the information to procurement organizations in the
6 manner provided by Subsection (c-1); and

7 (B) if the applicant is 18 years of age or older,
8 an opportunity for the person to:

9 (i) refuse inclusion of a statement or
10 symbol imprinted on the person's driver's license or personal
11 identification certificate indicating that the person is willing to
12 make an anatomical gift, in the event of death, in accordance with
13 Section 692A.005, Health and Safety Code; and

14 (ii) refuse to consent to inclusion of the
15 person's information in the statewide Internet-based registry of
16 organ, tissue, and eye donors and release of the information to
17 procurement organizations in the manner provided by Subsection
18 (c-1); and

19 (2) provide a means to distribute donor registry
20 information to interested individuals in each office authorized to
21 issue driver's licenses or personal identification certificates.

22 (c-1) The department shall:

23 (1) for each applicant younger than 18 years of age:

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

26 (B) [~~(2)~~] if the applicant responds
27 affirmatively to the question asked under Paragraph (A)

1 ~~[Subdivision (1)]~~, provide the person's name, date of birth,
2 driver's license number, most recent address, and other information
3 needed for identification purposes at the time of donation to the
4 nonprofit organization contracted to maintain the statewide donor
5 registry under Section 692A.020, Health and Safety Code, for
6 inclusion in the registry; and

7 (2) for each applicant who is 18 years of age or older:

8 (A) specifically ask the applicant the question,
9 "Would you like to refuse to join the organ donor registry?" and
10 state, "By answering 'no' to the previous question or not answering
11 the previous question, you consent to join the organ donor registry
12 and for your information to be included in the registry."; and

13 (B) if the applicant does not affirmatively
14 refuse to join the registry under Paragraph (A), provide for
15 inclusion in the registry the applicant's name, date of birth,
16 driver's license number, most recent address, and other information
17 needed for identification purposes at the time of donation to the
18 nonprofit organization contracted to maintain the statewide donor
19 registry under Section 692A.020, Health and Safety Code.

20 (e) The department shall distribute at all field offices
21 Donate Life brochures that provide basic donation information in
22 English and Spanish and include a contact phone number and e-mail
23 address. The department shall include the questions ~~[question]~~
24 required under Subsection (c-1) ~~[(c)(1)(B)]~~ and information on the
25 donor registry Internet website in renewal notices.

26 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
27 a driver's license or personal identification certificate for which

1 an application is submitted on or after the effective date of this
2 Act. A driver's license or personal identification certificate for
3 which an application was submitted before the effective date of
4 this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
5 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
6 that purpose.

7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.