

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 252

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

DONATIONS. Provides for anatomical gift authorization on driver's license. (1/1/27)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:410(B), relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for
3 clarification relative to anatomical gift authorization; to provide for refusal of
4 donation of anatomical gifts; to provide for procedures relating to anatomical gifts;
5 to provide for record keeping by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,
6 relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:410(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §410. Form of license; photograph, signature of licensee, anatomical gift statement,
11 declaration of life-sustaining procedures, interest in bone marrow
12 donation, and additional information on license

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14 B.(1)(a) ~~The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall give the~~
15 ~~widest possible dissemination to the anatomical donation program relating to eyes,~~
16 ~~kidneys, entire bodies, etc., and shall make whatever provisions are feasible and~~
17 ~~desirable, through its drivers licensing examining offices, to enable persons desiring~~

1 to make such anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through
2 the use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license
3 examining offices. Additionally the license issued by the department shall contain
4 an indication thereon whether or not the named applicant has elected to make an
5 anatomical gift pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter or R.S. 17:2351 et seq.,
6 said indication to be by placing an "X" in the appropriate box marked "Yes" or "No"
7 under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift".

8 (b) The following information shall be made available free of charge to
9 applicants for a driver's license on a form to be promulgated by the department and
10 maintained on file with the department:

11 (i) An anatomical gift statement indicating the organs donated for the purpose
12 of transplantation or transplantation research;

13 (ii) A space for indicating any limitation or special wish of the donor; and

14 (iii) The signature of the donor and the witnesses to the signature of the
15 donor.

16 (c) If the applicant elects not to execute an anatomical gift statement at the
17 time of application, the statement shall remain blank when presented to the licensee
18 so it can be executed by the licensee at any time after the license is issued. No other
19 form or statement shall be required for the purpose of providing for the donation of
20 organs.

21 **The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall make provisions**
22 **through its driver's license examining offices that enable persons desiring to**
23 **make anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through the**
24 **use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license**
25 **examining offices. The department shall provide to each applicant for a driver's**
26 **license or identification card information presented in equivalent form and**
27 **manner, without characterization, recommendation, or emphasis favoring**
28 **authorization or refusal, regarding the option to make or refuse an anatomical**
29 **gift, and shall provide the applicant the opportunity to indicate authorization**

1 for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection. Any
2 indication made by an applicant under this Subparagraph shall be recorded in
3 a manner prescribed by the department and shall have the effect provided by
4 law governing anatomical gifts, refusals, and donor registries. Additionally, the
5 license issued by the department shall contain a clear indication of whether the
6 named applicant has authorized an anatomical gift, refused to make an
7 anatomical gift, or made no selection, displayed by placement of an "X" or
8 other clearly visible marking in the appropriate box corresponding to the
9 applicant's selection under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift". No
10 applicant shall be required to make a selection as a condition of issuance or
11 renewal of a driver's license or identification card.

12 (b) The following information shall be made available, without charge,
13 to each applicant on a form promulgated by the department and maintained on
14 file by the department:

15 (i) A statement describing the option to make an anatomical gift for
16 transplantation or transplantation research and the option to refuse to make an
17 anatomical gift.

18 (ii) A space for the applicant to indicate authorization for an anatomical
19 gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection, including any limitation
20 or special instruction the applicant chooses to express.

21 (iii) A space for the signature of the applicant and, where required by
22 law, any required witness or attestation.

23 (c) If an applicant makes no selection under Subparagraph (a) of this
24 Paragraph at the time of application or renewal, no authorization or refusal
25 shall be inferred. The absence of a selection shall not constitute authorization
26 for an anatomical gift, a refusal to make an anatomical gift, or a revocation of
27 any prior authorization or refusal, and shall have no independent legal effect
28 under R.S. 17:2351 et seq.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Driver's License
2 Anatomical Gift Consent Clarity Act".

3 Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held
4 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act
5 which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end
6 the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

7 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 252 Engrossed

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Present law provides for the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) to give information relating to anatomical donations relating to eyes, kidneys, and entire bodies. Proposed law provides the information is provided and presented in a manner without characterization, recommendation, or emphasis favoring authorization or refusal, regarding the option to make or refuse an anatomical gift, and must provide the applicant the opportunity to indicate authorization for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection at all, in addition, no applicant can be required to make a selection as a condition of issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card.

Present law provides information for an anatomical gift statement indicating the organs donated for the purpose of transplantation or transplantation research, a space for indicating any limitation or special wish of the donor, and the signature of the donor and the witnesses to the signature of the donor must be made available free of charge to applicants for a driver's license. Present law further provides DPS will promulgate rules relative to the form and maintain the form on file with the department.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the provision for the applicant to have the option to make an anatomical gift for transplantation or transplantation research, refusal to make an anatomical gift or to not make a selection at all including any limitations or special instructions.

Present law provides if the applicant elects not to execute an anatomical gift statement at the time of application, the statement will remain blank when presented to the licensee so it can be executed by the licensee at any time after the license is issued and no other form or statement shall be required for the purpose of providing for the donation of organs. Proposed law provides if an applicant makes no selection at the time of application or renewal that the absence of a selection does not infer authorization or refusal and does not revoke previous authorization.

Proposed law provides for severability.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 32:410(B))