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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))