



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5064

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2001*

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. COCCO of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER EDUCATION ABOUT ORGAN DONATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (b) of section 14-36e of the general statutes is repealed  
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) Each local and regional board of education may provide a course  
4 of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on a  
5 secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than  
6 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after  
7 school hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide,  
8 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the  
9 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b)  
10 of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of  
11 said subsection (b), [and] (2) shall include information concerning  
12 organ and tissue transplants and donations, and (3) may include  
13 behind-the-wheel instruction of not less than eight clock hours. Said

14 course shall be open to enrollment by any person between the ages of  
15 sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is a resident of the town or school  
16 district or whose parent, parents or legal guardian owns property  
17 taxable in such town or school district. Any such board of education  
18 may contract for such behind-the-wheel instruction with a licensed  
19 drivers' school.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Motor Vehicles

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

This legislation requires driver's education courses to include information concerning organ and tissue transplants and donations. As a result, the Department of Motor Vehicles will need to update forms, pamphlets and driving manuals (for both new drivers and driving schools) to incorporate this change which has an estimated cost of \$50,000. However, if the DMV holds off on the update and reprinting until all current forms, pamphlets and manuals are exhausted, and the effective date remains at 10/1/01, the DMV would have sufficient time to plan ahead for the cost to be covered within available resources.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER EDUCATION ABOUT ORGAN DONATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires high school driver education courses to include information about organ and tissue transplants and donations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****Driver Education Courses***

High school driver education courses are one of three ways minors (license applicants who are age 16 or 17) receive the required instruction to obtain a driver's license. The other two are instruction through a licensed commercial driver training school and training by a responsible relative under a home-training certificate.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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