



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6717

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AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-42a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Chief Information
4 Officer of the Department of Information Technology shall enter into
5 an agreement with one or more federally-designated organ and tissue
6 procurement organizations to provide to such organizations access to
7 the names, dates of birth and other pertinent information of holders of
8 operator's licenses and identity cards issued pursuant to section 1-1h
9 who have registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles an intent
10 to become organ and tissue donors. Such access shall be provided in a
11 manner and form to be determined by the commissioner and Chief
12 Information Officer, following consultation with such organizations,
13 and may include electronic transmission of initial information and
14 periodic updating of information. The commissioner shall not charge a
15 fee for such access pursuant to section 14-50a, but may charge such
16 organizations reasonable administrative costs. Information provided to
17 such organizations shall be used solely for identifying such license
18 holders as organ and tissue donors.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Chief Information
20 Officer of the Department of Information Technology shall provide

21 holders of operator's licenses and identity cards issued pursuant to
22 section 1-1h access to a secure Internet website to register their intent
23 to become organ and tissue donors. Such access shall be provided in a
24 manner and form to be determined by the commissioner and the Chief
25 Information Officer.

26 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include in
27 regulations adopted pursuant to section 14-36f a requirement that a
28 description of the purposes and procedures of procurement
29 organizations, as defined in section 19a-279a, be included in driver
30 education programs.

31 Sec. 2. Section 12-743 of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

33 (a) Any taxpayer filing a return under this chapter may contribute
34 any part of a refund under this chapter to (1) the organ transplant
35 account established pursuant to section 17b-288, (2) the AIDS research
36 education account established pursuant to section 19a-32a, (3) the
37 endangered species, natural area preserves and watchable wildlife
38 account established pursuant to section 22a-27l, (4) the breast cancer
39 research and education account established pursuant to section 19a-
40 32b, or (5) the safety net services account established pursuant to
41 section 17b-112f, by indicating on the tax return, in a manner provided
42 for by the Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection
43 (b) of this section, the amount to be contributed to the account.

44 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the tax
45 return form to: [implement]

46 (1) Implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this section which
47 form shall include spaces on the return in which taxpayers may
48 indicate their intention to make a contribution, in a whole dollar
49 amount, in accordance with this section. The commissioner shall
50 include in the instructions accompanying the tax return a description
51 of the purposes for which the organ transplant account, the AIDS
52 research education account, the endangered species, natural area

53 preserves and watchable wildlife account, the breast cancer research
54 and education account and the safety net account were created; and

55 (2) Include a space on the return in which taxpayers may indicate
56 their consent to become organ and tissue donors. The commissioner
57 shall include in the instructions accompanying the tax return a
58 description of the manner in which such information will be provided
59 to the Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of subsection (a) of
60 section 14-42a, as amended by this act.

61 (c) A designated contribution of all or part of any refund shall be
62 irrevocable upon the filing of the return and shall be made in the full
63 amount designated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the
64 initial processing of the return, and after any deductions required by
65 this chapter, is greater than or equal to the designated contribution. If
66 the refund due, as determined upon initial processing, and after any
67 deductions required by this chapter, is less than the designated
68 contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full amount of the
69 refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall subtract the
70 amount of any contribution of all or part of any refund from the
71 amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall certify
72 the difference to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
73 and the Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with this
74 chapter. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of the
75 taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
76 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

77 (d) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
78 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
79 may deduct and retain from the funds so collected an amount equal to
80 the costs of implementing this section and sections 17b-288, 19a-32a,
81 22a-27l, 19a-32b and 17b-112f but not to exceed seven and one-half per
82 cent of the funds contributed in any fiscal year and in no event shall
83 exceed the total cost of implementation of said sections.

