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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION  
AWARENESS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) There is established  
2 an advisory council on organ and tissue donation education and  
3 awareness. The advisory council shall consist of the following  
4 members: The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's  
5 designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
6 designee; the executive director of Donate Life Connecticut, or the  
7 executive director's designee; the executive director of Life Choice  
8 Donor Services, or the executive director's designee; the chief executive  
9 officer of the New England Organ Bank, or the chief executive officer's  
10 designee; a health care professional representing each transplant center  
11 located in the state that is a member of the federal Organ Procurement  
12 and Transplantation Network; five persons experienced in issues  
13 involving organ and tissue donation or transplants, one of whom shall  
14 be a recipient of a donated organ or tissue, one of whom shall be a  
15 living donor, and one of whom shall be a family member of a deceased  
16 donor. One each of such persons experienced in issues involving organ

17 and tissue donation or transplants shall be appointed by the Governor,  
18 the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives  
20 and the minority leader of the Senate.

21 (b) Council members shall serve for a term of three years and no  
22 member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies for  
23 appointed members shall be filled by the appointing authority. The  
24 Governor shall appoint the chairperson from among the members of  
25 the council. The council shall have its first meeting not later than  
26 December 1, 2012, and shall meet not less than four times per year and  
27 as requested by the chairperson or upon the request of a majority of  
28 the members of the council. Council members shall serve without  
29 compensation.

30 (c) The council shall: (1) Analyze education on organ tissue donation  
31 in the state; (2) determine the rate of organ and tissue donation  
32 registration in the state and establish periodic goals for increasing such  
33 rate; and (3) advise the Commissioners of Public Health and Motor  
34 Vehicles on methods to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the  
35 state. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, each month, provide  
36 the council with data concerning registered organ donors.

37 (d) Not later than July 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the council  
38 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
39 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
40 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
41 transportation concerning organ and tissue donation awareness in the  
42 state. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, actions taken by  
43 the council to increase organ and tissue donations and  
44 recommendations to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the  
45 state.

46 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) There is established an organ  
47 and tissue awareness account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
48 account within the General Fund. Any moneys collected pursuant to

49 sections 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 14-22  
50 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be deposited by  
51 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles into the account. This account  
52 may also receive moneys from public and private sources or from the  
53 federal government. All moneys deposited in the account shall be  
54 used, on an annual basis, by the Department of Public Health or  
55 persons acting under a contract with the department, as follows: (1) To  
56 reimburse the Department of Motor Vehicles for incurred costs to  
57 include notice on applications for motor vehicle registrations and  
58 renewal motor vehicle registrations of the option to submit a donation  
59 to the fund and to collect such donations from applicants, provided the  
60 amount shall not exceed ten thousand dollars; (2) not less than sixty-  
61 five per cent of the funds remaining after reimbursing the Department  
62 of Motor Vehicles for its costs shall be allocated to a nonprofit  
63 organization that, as its sole mission, provides public education for  
64 persons in the state concerning organ and tissue donation and the state  
65 donor registry, maintained pursuant to section 14-42a of the general  
66 statutes; (3) not more than fifteen per cent of the funds in the account  
67 may be expended to (A) develop organ and tissue donation awareness  
68 materials and provide such materials to members of the public, (B)  
69 hold organ and tissue donation awareness events, and (C) maintain the  
70 state donor registry; and (4) not more than twenty per cent of the funds  
71 in the account may be expended by the advisory council, established  
72 pursuant to section 1 of this act, for the purpose of organ and tissue  
73 donor awareness programs, including, but not limited to,  
74 implementation of an organ and tissue donation awareness program in  
75 secondary schools and promotion of the organ and tissue awareness  
76 account.

77 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-12 of the 2012 supplement to the  
78 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
79 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

80 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in  
81 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the

82 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such  
83 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.  
84 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the  
85 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such  
86 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Such  
87 blanks shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
88 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness  
89 account, established pursuant to section 2 of this act, and allow for  
90 payment of such donation with the registration fee.

91 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the 2012 supplement to the  
92 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
93 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

94 (a) A motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this chapter shall  
95 expire in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner.  
96 If the expiration date of the registration of the motor vehicle, except the  
97 registration of a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire,  
98 falls on any day when offices of the commissioner are closed for  
99 business, the registration shall be deemed valid for the operation of the  
100 motor vehicle until midnight of the next day on which offices of the  
101 commissioner are open for business. The commissioner shall prescribe  
102 the date and manner of renewing registrations. Not less than forty-five  
103 days prior to the expiration of any valid registration, the department  
104 shall send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner  
105 determines, an application for renewal to the registrant. Such  
106 application shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
107 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness  
108 account, established pursuant to section 2 of this act, and allow for  
109 payment of such donation with the registration renewal fee. In the case  
110 of a motor vehicle registered to a leasing company licensed pursuant  
111 to section 14-15, the department may send or transmit, in such manner  
112 as the commissioner determines, an application for renewal of a leased  
113 vehicle to the lessee of such vehicle. The commissioner shall not be  
114 required to send or transmit a registrant's or lessee's application by

115 mail if the United States Postal Service has determined that mail is  
116 undeliverable to such person at the address for such person that is in  
117 the records of the department. Except for the processing of such  
118 application at an official emissions inspection station as provided in  
119 subsection (b) of this section or by telephone as provided in subsection  
120 (c) of this section, the commissioner may require that the application  
121 be returned electronically or by mail in order to be processed and  
122 approved, with only such exceptions, on a hardship basis, as shall be  
123 established by the commissioner in regulations adopted pursuant to  
124 chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-12(b)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-22(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase education and awareness of organ and tissue donation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*