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"AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 chronic kidney disease advisory committee. The advisory committee
5 shall:

6 (1) Work directly with policymakers, public health organizations and
7 educational institutions to:

8 (A) Increase awareness of chronic kidney disease in this state; and

9 (B) Develop health education programs that:

10 (i) Are intended to reduce the burden of kidney disease throughout

11 this state;

12 (ii) Include an ongoing health and wellness campaign that is based
13 on relevant research;

14 (iii) Promote preventive screenings; and

15 (iv) Are promoted through social media and public relations
16 campaigns;

17 (2) Examine chronic kidney disease, kidney transplantation,
18 including, but not limited to, kidney transplantation as a preferred
19 treatment for chronic kidney disease, living and deceased kidney
20 donation and racial disparities in the rates of individuals afflicted with
21 chronic kidney disease;

22 (3) Examine methods to reduce the occurrence of chronic kidney
23 disease by controlling the most common risk factors, diabetes and
24 hypertension, through early detection and preventive efforts at the
25 community level and disease management efforts in the primary care
26 setting;

27 (4) Identify the barriers to the adoption of best practices and the
28 policies available to address such barriers;

29 (5) Develop an equitable, sustainable, cost-effective plan to raise
30 awareness about the importance of early detection, screening, diagnosis
31 and treatment of chronic kidney disease and prevention; and

32 (6) Examine the potential for an opt-out organ or kidney donor
33 registry.

34 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

35 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to public health or their designees;

38 (2) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing

39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to public health;

41 (3) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to public health;

44 (4) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to public health;

47 (5) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to public health;

50 (6) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
51 who shall represent the renal provider community;

52 (7) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
53 shall represent a medical center with a kidney-related program;

54 (8) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
55 Representatives;

56 (9) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

57 (10) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
58 Representatives;

59 (11) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

60 (12) One appointed by the Governor;

61 (13) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
62 designee;

63 (14) One appointed by the chief executive officer of the National
64 Kidney Foundation;

65 (15) One appointed by the chief executive officer of the American
66 Kidney Fund; and

67 (16) At least three additional members appointed by the chairpersons
68 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
69 cognizance of matters relating to public health, one of whom shall
70 represent the kidney physician community, one of whom shall
71 represent a nonprofit organ procurement organization, one of whom
72 shall represent the kidney patient community in this state and such
73 other members that such chairpersons, in their discretion, agree are
74 necessary to represent public health clinics, community health centers,
75 minority health organizations and health insurers.

76 (c) Any member of the advisory committee appointed under
77 subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) or (16) of
78 subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

79 (d) All initial appointments to the advisory committee shall be made
80 not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any
81 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

82 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
83 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the advisory
84 committee from among the members of the advisory committee. Such
85 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the advisory committee,
86 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
87 this section. Meetings of the advisory committee may, at the discretion
88 of the chairpersons of the advisory committee, be conducted on a virtual
89 platform.

90 (f) The administrative staff of the advisory committee shall be
91 selected by the Office of Legislative Management in consultation with
92 the chairpersons of the advisory committee.

93 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
94 advisory committee shall submit a report on its findings and
95 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General

96 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health in
97 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section