

HOUSE BILL 476: Drivers License Donation/Donate Life

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SUMMARY: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 476 would require the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to accept a voluntary contribution of \$2 or more from every person paying for a remote renewal of a drivers license and credit all donations to the License to Give Trust Fund for the benefit of Donate Life North Carolina.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S443, as introduced by Sens. Gunn, Brock, which is currently in Senate Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Finance.]

CURRENT LAW: Section 5(c) of S.L. 2004-189, as amended by Section 44.1.(q) of S.L. 2005-276, directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to retain (\$0.05) of the fee collected for each drivers license and duplicate license to reimburse DMV for maintaining the online Organ Donor site and to fund the License to Give Trust Fund.

G.S. 20-7.4 establishes the License to Give Trust Fund. The License to Give Trust Fund Commission allocates funds from the License to Give Trust Fund for the following purposes:

- Grants for initiatives that educate about and promote organ and tissue donation and health care decision making at life's end.
- Expenses of the License to Give Trust Fund Commission.

Donate Life North Carolina is a nonprofit corporation that maintains a searchable organ donor registry that compiles organ donor information from DMV.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 476 would require DMV to accept a voluntary contribution of \$2 or more from every person renewing a drivers licenses using the remote renewal process. Any donations would be credited to the License to Give Trust Fund.

The License to Give Trust Fund must grant the donations to Donate Life North Carolina for the following purposes:

- Managing the online organ donation registry operated by Donate Life North Carolina.
- Promoting organ donation throughout the State.

The Give Trust Fund Commission must determine that Donate Life North Carolina effectively conducts these purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS for House Bill 476 would become effective January 1, 2016, and applies to drivers license remote renewals on or after that date.

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