



# SENATE BILL 135: Improve Anatomical Gift Donation Process.

2021-2022 General Assembly

---

<b>Committee:</b> House Health Committee	<b>Date:</b> May 24, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b> Sens. Perry, Burgin, Krawiec	<b>Prepared by:</b> Theresa Matula
<b>Analysis of:</b> Second Edition	Committee Staff

---

**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 135 would amend the law that authorizes making anatomical gifts by placing a symbol on a drivers license or identification card by requiring an individual who became a donor in another jurisdiction to consent to placing a symbol on their North Carolina issued drivers license or identification card and by providing that the authorizing symbol remains until a donor revokes consent by requesting removal of the symbol.*

[The current content of SB 135 is identical to the content for HB 95 that was approved by the House Health Committee on 3/2/2021.]

**CURRENT LAW:** Current law provides several methods by which a donor can make an anatomical gift to take effect after the donor's death for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or education. One of the methods authorized by G.S. 130A-412.7 is that the donor may authorize a statement or symbol to be printed on the person's drivers license or identification card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 135 would amend G.S. 130A-412.7 to clarify the following two things that are not currently addressed in the law with regard to the method of making an anatomical gift through a drivers license or identification card symbol:

- That a person who has made an anatomical gift in another jurisdiction by this method and applies for a North Carolina license or identification card would have to authorize the symbol on the license or identification card issued here for it to be valid.
- That, once a person has authorized the symbol on a North Carolina license or identification card, it will remain on the license or identification card until the person requests its removal.

This bill would clarify the law but not change current practice of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective October 1, 2021.

*\*Wendy Graf Ray, Legislative Analysis Division attorney, substantially contributed to the is summary.*

Jeffrey Hudson  
Director



Legislative Analysis  
Division  
919-733-2578