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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2808

As Amended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2808, as amended, enacts new law to create a statewide organ and tissue donor registry. The bill directs the information obtained by the Division of Vehicles under the driver's license and identification card statutes (KSA 8-247 and KSA 8-1325, respectively) to be used by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization (Midwest Transplant Network, Westwood, Kansas) for the purposes of establishing the registry.

The Division of Vehicles will provide the following in the notice of expiration of an identification card and in the notice for renewal of a driver's license:

- ! Written information explaining the person's right to make an anatomical gift as provided by law;
- ! Written information describing the organ donation registry program, including the address and telephone number of the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization;
- ! Written information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on the organ donation registry; and
- ! Information in writing that, if the applicant indicates a willingness to have the applicant's name placed on the registry, the Division of Vehicles will forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth, and most recent address to the organ donation registry. The Division is not to maintain a record of the name or address of the

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

individual applicant and information obtained by the Division and forwarded to the registry shall be confidential and not disclosed.

The bill provides two methods for making materials available, either through the notice of renewal or expiration, or through printed materials made available at an examination station.

All costs associated with the creation, maintenance, development, and dissemination of materials is to be paid by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization.

Background

The proponents of HB 2808, as amended, the Midwest Transplant Network, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri, the Kansas Medical Society, and Representative Garner explained that the bill will provide a means of accessing information regarding an individual's intention to be an organ or tissue donor, centralize and keep private that information, and increase the awareness about the critical need for life-saving transplants.

The Department of Revenue requested the bill be amended to clearly indicate that the costs of materials will be the responsibility of the Kansas federally designated procurement organization.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill could increase the mailing costs approximately \$70,000. However, as amended and further discussed among the proponents and the Division staff, space exists in the current brochure sent to a person to accommodate the information required to be provided by the bill without expanding the size and weight of the mailing.