House Bill 210 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)
By: Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Mayo of the 84th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rice of the 95th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the dissemination of certain information by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for participation in an anatomical gift donation program when obtaining a personal identification card through the department; to provide for the designation of such participation on personal identification cards; to provide for the dissemination of identifying information for applicants making such election; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the option of a voluntary contribution from applicants of personal identification cards to prevent blindness and preserve sight; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended in Code Section 40-5-2, relating to information which may be disseminated by the Department of Driver Services, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(5) The information required to be made available to organ procurement organizations pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 40-5-25 and subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-100 and for the purposes set forth in such Code sections;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-6, relating to forms for making anatomical gifts, as follows:

"40-5-6.
(a) Whenever any person applies for or requests the issuance, reissuance, or renewal of any class of driver's license or personal identification card, the department shall furnish that such person with a form, sufficient under Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' for the gift of all or part of the donor's body

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conditioned upon the donor's death. If any such person, legally authorized to execute such
a gift as provided for pursuant to Code Section 44-5-142, desires to execute a gift, the
department shall provide that such person with appropriate assistance and the presence of
the legally required number of witnesses.
(b) A notation shall be affixed to or made a part of every driver's license and personal
identification card issued in this state indicating whether or not the licensee or cardholder
has executed, under Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform
Anatomical Gift Act,' a gift, by will or otherwise, of all or part of his or her body
conditioned upon the donor's death."

SECTION 3.
Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-25, relating to indication of
participation in voluntary programs on an application for a driver's license, by revising
subsection (d) and paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:
"(d)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the this state to
encourage improved public education and awareness regarding anatomical gifts of human
organs and tissues and to address the ever increasing need for donations of anatomical
gifts for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.
(2) The department shall make available to those federally designated organ procurement
organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a
procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44,
the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, license number,
date of birth, gender, and most recent address of any person eligible pursuant to Code
Section 44-5-142 who obtains an organ donor driver's license; provided, however, that
the gender information shall be made available only to a procurement organization or
secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the
associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such
organizations and centers shall be used for the purpose of establishing a state-wide organ
donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in
this state and shall not be further disseminated.
(e)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interests interest of the this state
to encourage improved public education and awareness regarding blindness and to
address the need for blindness prevention screenings, and treatments, and rehabilitation
for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia."
SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-100, relating to the issuance of personal identification cards, by revising subsection (a) and adding new subsections to read as follows:

“(a) The department shall issue personal identification cards to all residents as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 who make application to the department in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner. Cards issued to applicants under 21 years of age shall contain the distinctive characteristics of drivers' licenses issued pursuant to Code Section 40-5-26. The identification card shall be similar in form but distinguishable in color from motor vehicle drivers' licenses and may contain a recent color photograph of the applicant and include the following information:

1. Full legal name;
2. Address of residence;
3. Birth date;
4. Date identification card was issued;
5. Sex;
6. Height;
7. Weight;
8. Eye color;
9. Signature of person identified or facsimile thereof; and
10. Designation of participation in an anatomical gift donation program when such person is eligible to make such gift pursuant to Code Section 44-5-142; and

(e)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of this state to encourage improved public education and awareness regarding anatomical gifts of human organs and tissues and to address the ever increasing need for donations of anatomical gifts for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.

(2) The department shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, personal identification card number, date of birth, gender, and most recent address of any person who obtains an organ donor
identification card; provided, however, that the gender information shall be made available only to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated.

(f)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of this state to encourage improved public education and awareness regarding blindness and to address the need for blindness prevention screenings, treatments, and rehabilitation for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.

(2) Each application form for issuance, reissuance, or renewal of a personal identification card under this Code section shall include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution of $1.00 to be used for purposes of preventing blindness and preserving the sight of residents of this state. Any such voluntary contribution shall be made at the discretion of the applicant at the time of application in addition to payment of the personal identification card fee prescribed by the commissioner.

(3) Voluntary contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted to the Department of Public Health for use thereby in providing the blindness education, screening, and treatment program provided by Code Section 31-1-23."

SECTION 5.
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

SECTION 6.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.