

HB 450 -- ORGAN DONATION

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 18 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows a donor to make an anatomical gift by placing a donor symbol sticker authorized and issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services on the back of the donor's driver's license or identification card.

The department shall include on its website information about organ donation and a link where the person making an anatomical gift can register. Once a person has registered, the department will contact the Department of Revenue to determine whether the organ donor symbol is printed on a registrant's driver's license or identification card. If the donor symbol does not appear, the department will mail a donor symbol sticker to be placed on the back of the registrant's driver's license or identification card.

State agencies and departments may provide a link on the homepage of their website directing the public to the organ donation information and registration link.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will bring awareness to organ donation and the lives that can be saved. Only about half of the people who could sign up to donate do so.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eggleston and Wayne Lee.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill gave statistics on organ donors and testified on how the organ donation program works.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department Of Revenue.