

52:14-15g

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2012 **CHAPTER:** 4

NJSA: 52:14-15g (Requires State Treasurer to disseminate information about organ and tissue donation; designates April each year as "Donate Life Month.")

BILL NO: A1265 (Substituted for S376)

SPONSOR(S) Coughlin and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 10, 2012

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Health and Senior Services

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** March 15, 2012

SENATE: March 15, 2012

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 23, 2012

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced version of bill enacted)

A1265

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S376

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes Health
Budget

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

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FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"NJ Steps Up Efforts to Expand Pool of Organ Donors," NJ Spotlight, April 24, 2012

"N.J. not giving state when it comes to organs," The Star-Ledger, April 24, 2012

"Christie encourages organ donations," The Record, April 24, 2012

LAW/RWH

§1 - C.52:14-15g
§2 - C.52:32-33.1
§3 - C.36:2-186
§4 - Repealer
§5 - Note

P.L.2012, CHAPTER 4, *approved April 23, 2012*
Assembly, No. 1265

1 AN ACT concerning organ and tissue donation information,
2 supplementing Titles 52 and 36 of the Revised Statutes, and
3 repealing P.L.1999, JR3.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. The Department of the Treasury shall, during the month of
9 April, disseminate organ and tissue donation information in
10 accordance with the provisions of the "Revised Uniform
11 Anatomical Gift Act," P.L.2008, c.50 (C.26:6-77 et seq.) with each
12 State employee paycheck. The information shall be prepared in
13 collaboration with the organ procurement organizations designated
14 pursuant to 42 U.S.C.s.1320b-8 to serve in this State.
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16 2. The Department of the Treasury shall encourage all business
17 concerns awarded contracts with the State, as defined in section 2 of
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19 information and materials or through an organ and tissue awareness
20 program, of organ donation options. The information provided
21 to employees shall be prepared in collaboration with the
22 organ procurement organizations designated pursuant to 42
23 U.S.C.s.1320b-8 to serve in this State.
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28 State to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.
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ASSEMBLY, No. 1265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires State Treasurer to disseminate information about organ and tissue donation; designates April each year as “Donate Life Month.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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35 STATEMENT
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37 The purpose of this bill is to inform and educate State employees
38 and members of the public about the importance of organ and tissue
39 donation and the options and programs available.

40 Specifically, the bill:

- 41 • Requires the Department of the Treasury to include organ
42 and tissue donation information with employee paychecks
43 during the month of April, which is "National Donate Life
44 Month" and, pursuant to this bill, "Donate Life Month in
45 New Jersey;"
- 46 • Requires the Department of the Treasury to encourage all
47 business concerns awarded contracts with the State to notify
48 their employees, through information and materials or

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- 1 through an organ and tissue awareness program, of organ
2 donation options.
- 3 • Provides that the information provided to employees by the
4 Department of the Treasury and State contractors concerning
5 organ and tissue donation shall be prepared in collaboration
6 with the organ procurement organizations designated
7 pursuant to 42 U.S.C.s.1320b-8 to serve in this State.
 - 8 • Designates the month of April each year as “Donate Life
9 Month,” and directs the Governor to issue a proclamation
10 calling upon public officials and the citizens of this State to
11 observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.
 - 12 • Repeals P.L.1999, JR3 (C.36:2-51), which established the
13 third week in April each year as “National Organ and Tissue
14 Donor Awareness Week” in the State of New Jersey, since
15 that statute is obviated by the new designation in this bill.
 - 16 • The bill takes effect 90 days after enactment.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2012

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1265.

The purpose of this bill is to inform and educate State employees and members of the public about the importance of organ and tissue donation and the options and programs available for donation.

The bill requires the Department of the Treasury to:

- include organ and tissue donation information with employee paychecks during the month of April, which is “National Donate Life Month”; and
- encourage all business concerns awarded contracts with the State to notify their employees, through information and materials or through an organ and tissue awareness program, of organ donation options.

The information to be provided to employees by the Department of the Treasury and State contractors concerning organ and tissue donation will be prepared in collaboration with the federally designated organ procurement organizations in this State.

In addition, the bill designates the month of April in each year as “Donate Life Month” in New Jersey and repeals P.L.1999, JR3 (C.36:2-51), which established the third full week of April in each year as “National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week” in the State, since that statute is obviated by the new designation. The bill directs the Governor to issue a proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the month of April with appropriate activities and programs.

The bill takes effect 90 days after its enactment.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE, No. 376

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington)

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Kyrillos, Singer, Cardinale, Sweeney, Buono, Sarlo, Rice and T.Kean

SYNOPSIS

Requires State Treasurer to disseminate information about organ and tissue donation; designates April each year as “Donate Life Month.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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2 supplementing Titles 54 and 36 of the Revised Statutes, and
3 repealing P.L.1999, JR3.
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6 of New Jersey:
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9 April, disseminate organ and tissue donation information in
10 accordance with the provisions of the "Revised Uniform
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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 376

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2012

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 376.

The purpose of this bill is to inform and educate State employees and members of the public about the importance of organ and tissue donation and the options and programs available.

As reported, the bill requires the Department of the Treasury to include organ and tissue donation information with employee paychecks during the month of April, which is "National Donate Life Month." In addition, the Department of the Treasury is to encourage all business concerns awarded contracts with the State to notify their employees, through information and materials or through an organ and tissue awareness program, of organ donation options.

The information provided to employees by the Department of the Treasury and State contractors concerning organ and tissue donation is to be prepared in collaboration with the federally-designated organ procurement organizations in this State.

The bill designates the month of April each year as "Donate Life Month," in New Jersey and directs the Governor to issue a proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

The bill repeals P.L.1999, JR3 (C.36:2-51), which established the third week in April each year as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week" in the State, since that statute is obviated by the new designation in this bill.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 376

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 27, 2012

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 376.

This bill provides a mechanism to inform and educate State employees and members of the public about the importance of organ and tissue donation and the options and programs available.

The bill requires the Department of the Treasury to include organ and tissue donation information with employee paychecks during the month of April, which is “National Donate Life Month.” In addition, the Department of the Treasury is to encourage all business concerns awarded contracts with the State to notify their employees, through information and materials or through an organ and tissue awareness program, of organ donation options.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Management and Budget indicates that the State cost of the bill will depend on the specific media employed to disseminate organ and tissue donation information to State employees. The bill will have a minimal State cost if the Treasury distributes the information through electronic means or a written statement directly printed on employee pay stubs. But if the information is provided as a separate brochure, the State will incur indeterminate printing and distribution costs. In general, the Office of Management and Budget points out that there has been an effort to avoid pay stub inserts due to their cost.

The OLS notes that the bill will first produce a cost to the State General Fund in fiscal year 2013. This will be so because the information has to be disseminated in April of each year. The bill, however, takes effect 90 days after the date of enactment, which will be subsequent to April 2012.

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE, No. 376
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 8, 2012

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires State Treasurer to disseminate information about organ and tissue donation; designates April each year as "Donate Life Month."
- Type of Impact:** A recurring expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Fiscal Year 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2014</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2015</u>
State Cost	Minimal to Indeterminate — See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **concurs** with the Executive estimate and notes that the bill will first produce a cost to the State in fiscal year 2013. This will be so because the information has to be disseminated in April of each year. The bill, however, takes effect 90 days after the date of enactment, which will be subsequent to April 2012.
- The Department of the Treasury relates that the State cost of the bill will depend on the specific media employed to disseminate organ and tissue donation information to State employees. The bill will have a minimal State cost if the Treasury distributes the information through electronic means or a written statement directly printed on employee pay stubs. But if the information is provided as a separate brochure, the State will incur indeterminate printing and distribution costs.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 376 of 2012 requires the Department of the Treasury to prepare materials on organ and tissue donation jointly with federally-designated organ procurement organizations for New Jersey. The department is to distribute the information with employee paychecks during each month of April and to make it available to State contractors so that they may voluntarily disseminate the information to their employees. The bill takes effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Office of Management and Budget in the Department of the Treasury relates that the State cost of the bill will depend on the specific media employed to disseminate organ and tissue donation information to State employees. The bill will have a minimal State cost if the Treasury distributes the information through electronic means or a written statement directly printed on employee pay stubs. But if the information is provided as a separate brochure, the State will incur indeterminate printing and distribution costs. In general, the Office of Management and Budget points out that there has been an effort to avoid pay stub inserts due to their cost.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS concurs with the Executive estimate and notes that the bill will first produce a cost to the State General Fund in fiscal year 2013. This will be so because the information has to be disseminated in April of each year. The bill, however, takes effect 90 days after the date of enactment, which will be subsequent to April 2012.

Although the OLS is not privy to information on the costs the Department of the Treasury incurs in printing and distributing brochures to State employees, for illustrative purposes, it can indicate approximate printing costs if the brochures were to be printed in an outside print shop. Any cost of distribution would be extra and the example does not consider the cost of printing additional brochures for distribution to employees of State vendors, as the bill only encourages, but does not require, State vendors to inform their employees of organ and tissue donation options.

The Office of the State Auditor reported in its July 2011 audit report on the Office of Management and Budget that the latter processed the regular State payroll for 80,000 employees. UPrinting.com offers to print 80,000 letter-sized, tri-fold, paper gloss, color brochures printed on both sides for \$5,300 including shipping, as of February 24, 2012. Without shipping, the printing of 80,000 brochures would cost \$4,113. FedEx, on the other hand, offers to print 5,000 tri-fold brochures in full-color on both sides for \$880 including shipping, as of February 24, 2012. Assuming that there would not be an additional volume discount, printing 80,000 brochures would thus cost \$14,080 at FedEx.

Section: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations
Analyst: Thomas Koenig
Lead Fiscal Analyst
Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Christie Signs Legislation to Raise Awareness of the Importance of Lifesaving Organ Donation

Monday, April 23, 2012 Tags: [Bill Action](#)

Legislation Designates April as Donate Life Month in New Jersey

Trenton, NJ – Acting to create greater public awareness about the lifesaving importance of organ donation, Governor Chris Christie today signed A-1265 establishing April as Donate Life Month in New Jersey. The legislation, signed following a tour of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, requires that the State disseminate organ and tissue donation information to all State employees during the month of April, reminding them of the need for organ donors. Additionally, this law directs the Department of Treasury to encourage all businesses with contracts with the State to notify their employees of organ donation options through information and materials or through an awareness program.

"Establishing Donate Life Month is an opportunity for all residents to learn more about the critical importance of registering to become an organ donor," said Governor Christie. "By going through the simple process of becoming an organ donor, just one person can make a difference in as many as 50 lives. With nearly 5,000 New Jersey residents waiting to receive a life-saving organ transplant, being an organ donor is one of the most profound gifts to give someone else – a chance at a new, healthy life. And the gift of life is truly the greatest gift of all."

Nationally, there are more than 111,000 people waiting to receive a life-saving organ transplant. Every 10 minutes another name is added to the waiting list.

"I am extremely pleased to have the Governor and Health and Senior Services Commissioner Mary O'Dowd visit Newark Beth Israel Medical Center to highlight the importance of organ donation and the life-saving clinical success of our transplant program," said Barry H. Ostrowsky, President and CEO of Barnabas Health.

While New Jersey is making strides in organ donation, the state ranks 41 out of 50 states, with only 31% of residents registered organ and tissue donors.

"The need for organ transplants and the shortage of donors affects people of all ethnic backgrounds. Currently, more than half of the 5,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant are minorities," said Health and Senior Services Commissioner Mary E. O'Dowd. "As we celebrate Minority Health Month in New Jersey, it is important to recognize the need to increase the diversity of registered donors. Those waiting for a life-saving organ are more likely to receive transplants if more people from all backgrounds donate."

Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, can sign up to be a donor. Organ donor registration is available online or in-person at local Motor Vehicle Commission agencies. Residents can request a paper registration form at 1.800.742.7365. When registering in-person, the words "Organ Donor" will appear on the NJ driver license or non-driver identification card. When registering online or through paper registration, the designation will appear in the driver's record. Saying "yes" to organ donation is legal consent to the donation of organs and tissue for the purpose of transplantation or medical research.

For more details please visit www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/organ_donor.htm

Last year alone, organ donors made more than 28,000 transplants possible according to the US Department of Health and Human Services.

To learn more about organ donation, please visit <http://www.donatelifenj.org>.

The legislation was sponsored by Senators Diane Allen (R-Burlington) and Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assemblymembers Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex), Daniel Benson (D-Mercer and Middlesex), and John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex).




A copy of the Donate Life Month proclamation can be found online [here](#).

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