

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1082

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 02, 2022
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Gragert
One Liner: Require the Game and Parks Commission to provide certain organ and tissue donation information on applications for certain hunting and fishing permits

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, J., Gragert, Groene, Hughes, Moser, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Tim Gragert
Kyle Herber
Tim McCoy
Tim Lewis
Marigold Helvey

Representing:

Introducer
Live on Nebraska
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Live on Nebraska
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1082, introduced by Senator Gragert, requires that the Game and Parks Commission present applicants for annual hunting and fishing permits with a brochure describing and explaining the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act that provides for organ donation, and to provide an opportunity on every application for an applicant to indicate whether or not he or she wishes to be an organ donor. The Commission is then responsible to transfer to a federal database designee information about those applicants noting a positive response.

Currently, the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required to provide the same information and opportunity to applicants for an operator's license or state identification card under Section 60-493.

LB1082 also provides for dissemination of information describing the options available for a

person wanting to change his or her donor status and authorizes the Commission to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the legislation.

Sec. 1 Adds provision that beginning January 1, 2023, when a Nebraska resident at least sixteen years old applies for an annual hunting or fishing permit, Game and Parks must provide the applicant with a brochure that contains a description and explanation of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

Subsection (2) requires an application for such a permit must include a question "Do you wish to include your name in the Donor Registry of Nebraska and donate your organs and tissues at the time of your death?" and the Commission must record the responses in an electronic database if the applicant indicates yes.

Subsection (3) provides information on how a person may change his or her status as a donor.

Subsection (4) requires the Commission to electronically transfer collected information to the federal designated organ procurement organization for Nebraska and specifies timing.

Subsection (5) provides that the date of the permit application is the date made for purposes of the Commission's required transfer of the data.

Subsection (6) Provides for privacy of data collected under the legislation.

Subsection (7) Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Sec. 2 Amends Section 71-4822 to add the information collected by the Commission under this legislation as information to be used by the federally designated organ procurement organization for Nebraska.

Sec. 3 Repeals original section 71-4822.

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson