

STATE OF MAINE

—
 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
 TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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 H.P. 586 - L.D. 835

An Act To Improve Organ Donation Awareness

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1312 is enacted to read:

§1312. Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund voluntary checkoff

1. Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund. When applying for or renewing a license under this subchapter, a person may designate that a \$2 donation be paid into the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund established in section 1402-B, subsection 4. A person who designates a \$2 donation under this subsection shall include with the person's license application or renewal fee sufficient funds to make the contribution. Each license application form under section 1301, subsection 1 and license renewal form under section 1406 must contain a designation in substantially the following form: "Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund donation: () \$2 or () Other \$... ."

2. Contributions credited to Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund. The Secretary of State shall determine annually the total amount contributed pursuant to subsection 1. Prior to the beginning of the next year, the Secretary of State shall deduct the cost of administering the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund checkoff and report the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall forward that amount to the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1402-B, sub-§3, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 168, §4, are amended to read:

C. Assist the Secretary of State in developing strategies to increase donations that the council may find effective; ~~and~~

D. Establish numerical goals for increasing organ and tissue donation rates in the State, to include a baseline account of current organ and tissue donation rates, as well as periodic benchmarks for success. The bureau may provide monthly donor designation rates for each branch office of the bureau to assist in identifying goals; ~~and~~
and

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1402-B, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Administer the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund established in subsection 4.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1402-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund. The Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund, referred to in this subsection as "the fund," is established as an interest-bearing account administered by the council for the purpose of facilitating the education and registration of residents of the State in organ donation. Any private or public funds appropriated, allocated, dedicated or donated to the fund, including from the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund checkoff under section 1312, must be deposited into the fund as well as income from any other source directed to the fund. All interest earned by the fund becomes part of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not lapse but is carried forward into subsequent fiscal years. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund except that balances in the fund may be used for the necessary expenses of the council in the administration of the fund.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.