

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 issuance of personal identification cards by the Department of Driver Services, so as to
3 provide for the designation of participation in an anatomical gift donation program on
4 personal identification cards; to provide for the dissemination of identifying information for
5 applicants making such election; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the option
6 of a voluntary contribution from applicants of personal identification cards to prevent
7 blindness and preserve sight; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date;
8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 40-5-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the issuance
11 of personal identification cards by the Department of Driver Services, is amended by revising
12 subsection (a) and adding new subsections to read as follows:
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14 "(a) The department shall issue personal identification cards to all residents as defined in
15 Code Section 40-5-1 who make application to the department in accordance with rules and
16 regulations prescribed by the commissioner. Cards issued to applicants under 21 years of
17 age shall contain the distinctive characteristics of drivers' licenses issued pursuant to Code
18 Section 40-5-26. The identification card shall be similar in form but distinguishable in
19 color from motor vehicle drivers' licenses and may contain a recent color photograph of the
20 applicant and include the following information:

- 21 (1) Full legal name;
- 22 (2) Address of residence;
- 23 (3) Birth date;
- 24 (4) Date identification card was issued;
- 25 (5) Sex;
- 26 (6) Height;

27 (7) Weight;
 28 (8) Eye color;
 29 (9) Signature of person identified or facsimile thereof; and
 30 (10) Designation of participation in an anatomical gift donation program; and
 31 (11) Such other information or identification as required by the department; provided,
 32 however, that the department shall not require an applicant to submit or otherwise obtain
 33 from an applicant any fingerprints or any other biological characteristic or information
 34 which uniquely identifies an individual, including without limitation deoxyribonucleic
 35 acid (DNA) and retinal scan identification characteristics but not including a photograph,
 36 by any means upon application."

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

41 (2) The department shall make available to those federally designated organ procurement
 42 organizations the name, date of birth, and most recent address of any person who obtains
 43 a personal identification card and elects to participate in an anatomical gift donation
 44 program. Information so obtained by such organizations shall be used for the purpose of
 45 establishing a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks
 46 authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated.

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

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

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

59 **SECTION 2.**

60 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

