
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 234—ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to anatomical gifts. (BDR 40-860)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to anatomical gifts; transferring certain duties pertaining to anatomical gifts from the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to the University of Nevada School of Medicine; expanding the types of information given to certain applicants for drivers' licenses and identification cards concerning anatomical gifts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to perform certain duties relating to anatomical gifts, which are donations of all or part of a human body effective on or after the death of the donor. These gifts are used for transplants or medical education purposes. The Bureau's duties include operation of educational and donor acknowledgment programs and, if sufficient money exists in the Anatomical Gift Account, the payment of costs of organ and tissue transplants. (NRS 460.100-460.150)

This bill transfers those duties from the Bureau to the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide information relating to anatomical gifts to each holder of a driver's license or identification card who is interested in becoming a donor. (NRS 483.340, 483.840)

This bill also requires the Department to provide information concerning entities that educate the public about anatomical gifts and that register persons as donors. The Department must also provide information concerning the procedures for registering as a donor with such entities and must submit to such entities information on persons who have indicated their intention to make an anatomical gift.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 460 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Dean” means the Dean of the School of Medicine or his designee.*

Sec. 3. *“School of Medicine” means the University of Nevada School of Medicine.*

Sec. 4. NRS 460.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

460.100 As used in NRS 460.100 to 460.150, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 460.110 ~~[- 460.120 and 460.130]~~ *and sections 2 and 3 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 5. NRS 460.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

460.140 1. The ~~{Bureau}~~ *School of Medicine* shall:

(a) Establish and carry out educational programs relating to anatomical gifts;

(b) Establish and carry out local and statewide programs to acknowledge publicly families of donors;

(c) Prepare and distribute information relating to anatomical gifts; and

(d) If the ~~{Consumer’s Advocate}~~ *Dean* determines that there is sufficient money in the Anatomical Gift Account created by NRS 460.150, pay the costs for the transplantation of an organ or tissue, including the cost for any medicine required as a result of the transplantation.

2. As used in this section, “donor” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 451.525.

Sec. 6. NRS 460.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

460.150 1. The ~~{Bureau}~~ *School of Medicine* may apply for and accept any gifts, grants, appropriations or donations to assist the ~~{Bureau}~~ *School of Medicine* in carrying out programs relating to anatomical gifts.

2. Any money received by the ~~{Bureau}~~ *School of Medicine* for programs relating to anatomical gifts must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Anatomical Gift Account which is hereby created in the State General Fund. The ~~{Consumer’s Advocate}~~ *Dean* shall administer the Account.

3. The money in the Account must only be used to:

(a) Carry out the provisions of NRS 460.140; and



(b) Pay the costs, not to exceed 5 percent of the average balance of the Account for each fiscal year, incurred by the ~~{Bureau}~~ **School of Medicine** to administer programs relating to anatomical gifts.

4. The money in the Account must:

(a) Be invested as money in other state accounts is invested; and

(b) Remain in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

5. Each claim against the Account must be:

(a) Approved by the ~~{Consumer's Advocate}~~ **Dean** before the claim is paid; and

(b) Paid as other claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 7. NRS 483.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.340 1. The Department shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to every qualified applicant a driver's license indicating the type or class of vehicles the licensee may drive. The license must bear a unique number assigned to the licensee pursuant to NRS 483.345, the licensee's social security number, if he has one, unless he requests that it not appear on the license, the name, date of birth, mailing address and a brief description of the licensee, and a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signature in ink immediately upon receipt of the license. A license is not valid until it has been so signed by the licensee.

2. The Department may issue a driver's license for purposes of identification only for use by officers of local police and sheriffs' departments, agents of the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety while engaged in special undercover investigations relating to narcotics or prostitution or for other undercover investigations requiring the establishment of a fictitious identity, federal agents while engaged in undercover investigations, investigators employed by the Attorney General while engaged in undercover investigations and agents of the State Gaming Control Board while engaged in investigations pursuant to NRS 463.140. An application for such a license must be made through the head of the police or sheriff's department, the Chief of the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety, the director of the appropriate federal agency, the Attorney General or the Chairman of the State Gaming Control Board. Such a license is exempt from the fees required by NRS 483.410. The Department, by regulation, shall provide for the cancellation of any such driver's license upon the completion of the special investigation for which it was issued.

3. Information pertaining to the issuance of a driver's license pursuant to subsection 2 is confidential.

4. It is unlawful for any person to use a driver's license issued pursuant to subsection 2 for any purpose other than the special investigation for which it was issued.



5. At the time of the issuance or renewal of the driver's license, the Department shall:

(a) Give the holder the opportunity to have indicated on his driver's license that he wishes to be a donor of all or part of his body pursuant to NRS 451.500 to 451.590, inclusive, or to refuse to make an anatomical gift of his body or part of his body;

(b) Give the holder the opportunity to have indicated whether he wishes to donate \$1 or more to the Anatomical Gift Account created by NRS 460.150; and

(c) Provide to each holder who is interested in becoming a donor information relating to anatomical gifts, including ~~the~~ , *without limitation, information concerning:*

(1) Groups and organizations which:

(I) Educate the public about anatomical gifts; and

(II) Register as donors persons who desire to make anatomical gifts; and

(2) The procedure for ~~registration~~ registering as a donor with ~~The Living Bank International or its successor organization.~~ a group or organization described in subparagraph (1).

6. If the holder wishes to make a donation to the Anatomical Gift Account, the Department shall collect the donation and deposit the money collected in the State Treasury for credit to the Anatomical Gift Account.

7. The Department shall submit to ~~The Living Bank International, or its successor organization,~~ *groups and organizations described in paragraph (c) of subsection 5* information from the records of the Department relating to persons who have drivers' licenses that indicate the intention of those persons to make an anatomical gift. The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 8. NRS 483.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.840 1. The form of the identification cards must be similar to that of drivers' licenses but distinguishable in color or otherwise.

2. Identification cards do not authorize the operation of any motor vehicles.

3. Identification cards must include the following information concerning the holder:

(a) The name and sample signature of the holder.

(b) A unique identification number assigned to the holder that is not based on the holder's social security number.

(c) A personal description of the holder.

(d) The date of birth of the holder.

(e) The current address of the holder in this State.

(f) A colored photograph of the holder.



4. The information required to be included on the identification card pursuant to subsection 3 must be placed on the card in the manner specified in subsection 1 of NRS 483.347.

5. At the time of the issuance or renewal of the identification card, the Department shall:

(a) Give the holder the opportunity to have indicated on his identification card that he wishes to be a donor of all or part of his body pursuant to NRS 451.500 to 451.590, inclusive, or to refuse to make an anatomical gift of his body or part of his body;

(b) Give the holder the opportunity to indicate whether he wishes to donate \$1 or more to the Anatomical Gift Account created by NRS 460.150; and

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7. The Department shall submit to ~~The Living Bank International, or its successor organization,~~ *groups and organizations described in paragraph (c) of subsection 5* information from the records of the Department relating to persons who have identification cards issued by the Department that indicate the intention of those persons to make an anatomical gift. The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

8. As used in this section, "photograph" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 483.125.

Sec. 9. NRS 460.120 and 460.130 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. The State Treasurer shall assist in the orderly transition of the administration of the Anatomical Gift Account from the Consumer's Advocate of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to the Dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine or his designee.



1 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
2 approval.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

460.120 “Bureau” defined. “Bureau” means the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General.

460.130 “Consumer’s Advocate” defined. “Consumer’s Advocate” means the Consumer’s Advocate of the Bureau of Consumer Protection.



