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Research Note

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Sponsors

Representatives Becker J. & Buckner
Senators Gardner & Garcia

Short Title

Remove Fund Repeal & Clarify Organ Donor Process

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which becomes effective September 15, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

In 1984, the National Organ Transplant Act created the National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) to match donor organs to waiting recipients. The OPTN created a system of organ procurement organizations and standardized the process through which organs are donated and shared across the country. Donor Alliance is the federally designated, non-profit organ procurement organization serving Colorado and most of Wyoming. It is also accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks. Donations to the Emily Maureen Ellen Keyes Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund are transferred by the Department of Revenue to Donor Alliance for purposes of promoting organ and tissue donation.

House Action

House Finance Committee (January 23, 2017). At the hearing, individuals representing Donor Alliance testified in support of the bill. Individuals representing the American Transplant Foundation testified from a neutral position on the bill. The committee adopted three amendments. Amendment L.001 makes technical adjustments to the bill and adds state-issued identification cards to the list of documents that show an individual is a part of the organ and tissue donor registry. Amendment L.002 changes the definition of "qualified transplant organization" to replace "bone marrow and blood" with "living donations" in the list of descriptors of a qualified transplant

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organization. Amendment L.003 replaces an audit requirement with a requirement that the Department of Revenue present the Donor Alliance annual report at its SMART Act hearing each year. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee.

House Appropriations Committee (February 24, 2017). The committee adopted amendment J.001, which adds an appropriations clause. The bill was referred, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 28, 2017). The House adopted the House Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee reports. The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (March 1, 2017). The House adopted amendment L.006, which renames the donation awareness fund the Ellen Keyes - John W. Buckner Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund. The House passed the bill on third reading, as amended.

Senate Action

Senate Finance Committee (March 16, 2017). At the hearing, individuals representing Donor Alliance and the Division of Motor Vehicles within the Department of Revenue testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for action.

Senate Finance Committee (March 21, 2017). The committee adopted amendment L.007, which repeals the donation awareness fund on September 1, 2027. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Appropriations Committee (April 6, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (April 7, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Finance Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (April 10, 2017). The Senate adopted amendment L.008, which made technical corrections to how the fund name is shown. The Senate passed the bill on third reading, as amended.

Relevant Research

Donor Alliance website: <http://www.donoralliance.org/>