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S 907. ORGAN DONATION PRESUMED. *PROVIDING THAT ORGAN DONATION BY A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL IS PRESUMED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.* Enacts GS 20-7.3 regarding organ donor status. Provides that the Dep't of Transportation shall make donor cards available at drivers licenses offices. Effective Oct. 1, 2001, a statement of gift on a drivers license or special identification card shall have no effect, but a statement of gift on a license or card executed prior to that date is conclusive evidence of a decedent's donor status. Donor cards are to accompany those injured in an accident or other trauma to health care facilities. If within four hours of death a person authorized to make the gift is not available, the medical examiner may authorize the removal of the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, or other organ or tissue that requires a patient support system to maintain viability of the organ or tissue. Amends GS 20-7(n) and GS 20-37.7(c) to require drivers license and special identification cards to specify whether or not the holder is an organ donor. Makes conforming amendment to GS 130A-404. Effective Oct. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Lee.

Ref. to Judiciary II	GS 20, 130A
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