

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 11  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S11-PCS35104-LG-2

Short Title: Establish Organ Donation Month.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

January 31, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS ORGAN  
3 DONATION AWARENESS/DONATE LIFE MONTH AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
4 ACT SHALL BE ENTITLED "DUFFY'S LAW."

5 Whereas, according to the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), more than  
6 116,000 people are waiting for organ transplants nationally, and more than 3,500 of those  
7 people are in North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, an average of 18 people awaiting transplants die each day due to the  
9 severe shortage of donated organs; and

10 Whereas, every 10 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting  
11 list; and

12 Whereas, one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people and improve the  
13 lives of up to 50 people through tissue and cornea donation; and

14 Whereas, North Carolinians are encouraged to get the facts about donation through  
15 Donate Life NC's Web site and discuss their wishes with their families; and

16 Whereas, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles plays a critical role in  
17 maintaining the North Carolina State donor registry, with 99% of donors having registered  
18 when receiving their North Carolina drivers license or ID card, which are identified by the  
19 symbol of a red heart; and

20 Whereas, the State's Donor registry is the sixth largest registry in the country with  
21 4.3 million North Carolinians having registered with the North Carolina Division of Motor  
22 Vehicles or through Donate Life NC's online registry; and

23 Whereas, the State of North Carolina joins Donate Life NC, our State's organ  
24 recovery agencies, Carolina Donor Services, The North Carolina Eye Bank, LifeShare Of The  
25 Carolinas, health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based  
26 and community groups, and private organizations in an effort to boost the numbers of organ,  
27 tissue, eye, blood, bone marrow, and stem cell donors throughout North Carolina; Now,  
28 therefore,

29 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

30 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
31 section to read:

32 **"§ 103-12. Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month.**

33 The month of April of each year is designated as Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life  
34 Month in North Carolina."

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall be known as "Duffy's Law."

36 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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