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Short Title: Establish Organ Donation Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Gunn (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS ORGAN
3 DONATION AWARENESS MONTH AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT SHALL BE
4 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 according to Carolina Donor
7 Services (CDS), more than 3,500 of those 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, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles plays a critical role in
13 maintaining the North Carolina state donor registry, with 99% of donors having registered
14 when receiving their North Carolina drivers license or ID card; and

15 Whereas, one organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people and improve the
16 lives of many more through tissue and cornea donation; and

17 Whereas, North Carolinians are encouraged to get the facts about donation and
18 discuss their wishes with their families and physicians, and if they decide to become donors, to
19 sign a legal donor card, put the heart on their drivers license, and enroll on a donor list; and

20 Whereas, the State of North Carolina joins health care professionals, volunteers,
21 educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations
22 in an effort to boost the numbers of organ, tissue, eye, blood, bone marrow, and stem cell
23 donors throughout North Carolina; Now, therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

27 **"§ 103-12. Organ Donation Awareness Month.**

28 The month of April of each year is designated as Organ Donation Awareness Month in
29 North Carolina."

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

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

