

CHAPTER 121**(HB 181)**

AN ACT relating to the establishment of Organ Donor Awareness Week.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The fourth week of April of each year is designated as Organ Donor Awareness Week, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the Commonwealth to be involved with appropriate activities. This observance is created to educate the citizens of the Commonwealth about the importance of organ donation.*
- (2) As part of Organ Donor Awareness Week, the Governor and the House of Representatives and the Senate of the General Assembly shall honor those persons who have donated organs and surviving family members with a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. Each person who has donated an organ shall be recognized collectively by citation and, upon request, the person or the person's family shall be given a copy of the citation. The Governor may establish an organ donor honor board to collect the name of each person, subject to the person's consent, who donates an organ in the Commonwealth during the year, and to recognize medical professionals, educators, volunteers, public employees, and private organizations that are involved with the organ donation process. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require reporting of the name of any person involved with the organ donation process or to supercede patient confidentiality protections established by statute, the Board of Medical Licensure or other state entity, or the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.*
- (3) Education efforts are encouraged to focus on the importance of organ donation and its significance with saving the lives of Kentuckians. The Cabinet for Health Services is encouraged to develop and circulate materials relating to organ donation.*

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