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Senate Bill 1180 (as introduced 4-29-04)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require an approved driver education course to provide instruction in the right to provide an anatomical gift in the event of death, in accordance with Section 310 of the Code.

The bill also would require the Department of Education to promulgate rules to implement this instructional requirement.

Under Section 310, an operator's or chauffeur's license must indicate that the license contains a statement that the licensee is an organ and tissue donor pursuant to Part 101 of the Public Health Code. The license also must include the licensee's signature following the indication of his or her organ and tissue donor intent, along with the signature of at least one witness.

Under Part 101 of the Public Health Code, an individual at least 18 years old and of sound mind may make a gift of all or a physical part of his or her body, effective upon his or her death, to the following donees:

- Any hospital, surgeon, or physician for medical or dental education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation.
- Any accredited medical or dental school, college, or university for education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, or therapy.
- Any bank or storage facility for medical or dental education, research, advancement of medical or dental science, therapy, or transplantation.
- Any specified individual for needed therapy or transplantation.
- Any approved or accredited school of optometry, nursing, or veterinary medicine.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Education would face minimal costs associated with promulgating the new rules required under this bill.

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