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HOUSE BILL NO. 2932

Introduced by Rep. Godofredo V. Arquiza

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to enhance and implement the Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 2009 and require the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to indicate and include such information about Organ and Tissue Donors in every Driver's License Card.

Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution states:

"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers. "

The Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 2009 was passed to provide life saving health care by securing organ and tissue donations and transplantations to Donors who gave the Gift of Life by becoming organ donors. The State must exert efforts to implement the Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 2009 which is a fitting tribute to those who willingly gave their organs and tissues through the Organ and Tissue Donation Center which facilitates the matching of deceased donor organs with individuals waiting for organ transplant.

It is in this regard that the Land Transportation Office (LTO) should help, coordinate and supervise with the implementation of this Act by indicating in the Driver's License Card, the name of the Donor and the organ/tissue willingly donated, so that in the event of vehicular accidents, the rescuer could immediately see in the Driver's License Card whether the deceased driver is covered as a possible Donor of an organ/tissue, in

which case, the necessary operation could be immediately conducted on the deceased, to give effect to his wishes and desires.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT REQUIRING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
TO INCLUDE IN EVERY DRIVER'S LICENSE CARD
WHETHER THE DRIVER IS A DONOR OF AN ORGAN AND/OR TISSUE
AND IS COVERED WITH THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION CENTER

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*THE LAND TRANSPORTATION'S IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT OF THE ORGAN DONORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009.*”

Section 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution states: “The State shall adopt an integrated and health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost...”

Consonant with these constitutional principle, the following are the Declared Policies of this Act:

- (a) To take cognizance of the Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 2009;
- b) To recognize the vital role of every DONOR of organ/s and tissue/s;
- c) To recognize the importance of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and to actively seek its partnership;

d) To likewise recognize the importance of the Organ and Tissue Donation Center and the Department of Health (DOH) to cooperate and give their full support to achieve this purpose;

In accordance with these policies, this Act aims to:

(1) adopt measures whereby the Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall include vital information on the Driver's License Card of every Filipino driver, on whether the latter is a possible DONOR of organ/s or tissue/s, which shall be clearly recorded and indicated in the said Driver's License Card;

(2) establish a policy or program towards the achievement of this objective.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, these terms are defined as follows:

(a) "Organ Donation" is the process of voluntary donation of any organ or tissue of a living donor or a decedent to a donee; and

(b) "Donor" shall mean one who has voluntarily submitted himself to contribute and give an organ or tissue upon his death with the Organ and Tissue Donation Center as defined in the Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 2009;

Section 4. *Duty of the LTO* – The Land Transportation Office is required to indicate in every Driver's License whether the driver is a DONOR of any organ/s and/or tissue/s under the Organ and Tissue Donation Center.

Section 5. *Government Assistance.* – The Government shall provide the following:

The Organ and Tissue Donation Center and the Department of Health shall institute policies and programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Act.

The Organ and Tissue Donation Center shall have the following functions:

(a) To register and record the Names, Dates of Birth and other pertinent information of those who have registered with the Registry of Organ and Tissue Donors ;

(b) To inform, transmit and forward all the names of Donors to the Land Transportation Office (LTO);

(c) To plan, implement and monitor yearly programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Act; and

(d) To serve as a General Information and Liaison Center and monitor compliance of the provisions of this Act ;

Section 6. LTO Responsibility. – It shall be the responsibility of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to prominently display posters, stickers, and other notices that will generate public awareness of this Act and ensure that the provisions of this Act are implemented to its fullest.

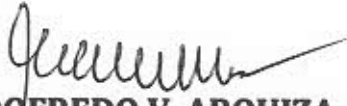
Section 7. Partnership of the National and Local Government Units. – The national government and local government units shall undertake to ensure the implementation of this Act in their respective territorial jurisdictions.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act in consultation and coordination with the Organ and Tissue Donation Center.

Section 9. Appropriation. – The necessary appropriation for the operation of this Act shall be appropriated and approved by the Land Transportation Office. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act upon its effectivity shall be charged out of the funds of the Office of the President. Thereafter, any such sum as shall be needed for the regular implementation of this Act shall be included in subsequent General Appropriations Act following its enactment into law.

Section 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,


GODOFREDO V. ARQUIZA