

1977 Assembly Bill 177

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**CHAPTER 124, Laws of 1977**

AN ACT to renumber and amend 343.17 (1); to amend 155.06 (2) (a) and (6) (a) 4 and (b) and 343.17 (3) (b); and to create 155.06 (6) (a) 5, 343.14 (4) and 343.17 (1) (b) to (d) of the statutes, relating to putting anatomical gift authorization on the back of driver's licenses.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 155.06 (2) (a) and (6) (a) 4 and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

155.06 (2) (a) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in this paragraph, any individual of sound mind ~~and 18 years of age or more~~ may give all or any part of his or her body for any purpose specified in sub. (3), the gift to take effect upon death. If a decedent has given his or her entire body to any donee for the purpose of anatomical research, a parent of an unmarried decedent under 18 years of age may revoke the gift. If a decedent has given his or her entire body to any donee for the purpose of anatomical research, unless the surviving spouse gave consent to the donation in writing prior to the donor's death, the surviving spouse of the decedent may revoke the gift.

(6) (a) 4. A signed card or document found on his or her person or in his or her effects; or

(b) Any document of gift which has not been delivered to the donee may be revoked by the donor in the manner set out in par. (a), or by destruction, cancellation or mutilation of the document and all executed copies ~~thereof~~ of the document or by crossing out the authorization on the backside of the license as prescribed in s. 343.17 (1) (c).

SECTION 2. 155.06 (6) (a) 5 of the statutes is created to read:

155.06 (6) (a) 5. Crossing out the donor authorization on the backside of the driver's license as prescribed in s. 343.17 (1) (c).

SECTION 3. 343.14 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 (4) The division shall disseminate information to applicants for a license relating to the anatomical donation opportunity available under s. 343.17 (1) (b).

SECTION 4. 343.17 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 343.17 (1) (a) and amended to read:

343.17 (1) (a) The division shall issue to every applicant qualifying ~~therefor~~ and who has paid the required fee a license as applied for, ~~which~~. The license shall bear thereon consist of 2 sides. The front side shall bear a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the date of expiration of the license, the full name, date of birth and residence address and a brief description of the licensee, and either a facsimile of the licensee's signature or a space upon which ~~he~~ the licensee shall write his or her usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license. No license is valid until it has been so signed, unless the facsimile signature of the licensee appears thereon on the license.

SECTION 5. 343.17 (1) (b) to (d) of the statutes are created to read:

343.17 (1) (b) The backside of the license shall be printed to serve as an authorized donor's card under s. 155.06 (4) (b). If the licensee desires to be a donor he or she may so indicate on the backside of the license. The donor may also supply any of the following specific information on the backside of the license including specific body parts or organs to be donated, the name of the donee, the purpose for which the gift is made and the surgeon or physician who should carry out the appropriate procedures. The backside of the license shall be signed by the licensee in the presence of 2 adult witnesses who must sign the license in the donor's presence. The backside of the license may also contain printed license restrictions as required by the division.

(c) The licensee may revoke or amend his or her gift according to s. 155.06 (6). Any donor under par. (b) who revokes his or her gift shall cross out the authorization on the backside of his or her license. The donor amending his or her gift shall apply for a duplicate license according to s. 343.21 (1) (f).

(d) Persons authorizing gifts of their body parts remain subject to s. 155.06 except where modified by this section.

SECTION 6. 343.17 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.17 (3) (b) The use of the decal on the motor vehicle operator's license is proper or authorized only if the bearer has indicated his or her intent to make body organs or parts available ~~for the above purposes~~ by filling out the backside of the license or by carrying a duly signed and witnessed donor card other than the backside of the license as authorized by the uniform anatomical gift act.

SECTION 7. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect on January 1, 1978 or 180 days after publication, whichever is later. The division of motor vehicles may institute any system which it deems advisable for the purpose of putting the new license into full use including any system necessary for gaining a uniform rate of renewal of licenses.

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