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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 391

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 391 would amend two sections of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act enacted in 2007. The bill would amend the requirements of the statewide organ and tissue donor registry by including language that an individual, who agrees to have the individual's name in the registry, has given full legal consent to the donation of any of the individual's organs or tissues upon the individual's death as recorded in the registry.

The bill also would amend the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by permitting a donor to amend or revoke an anatomical gift by directly accessing the registry website or notifying the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization to request the amendment or revocation. Additionally, withdrawal of the individual's consent to be listed in the registry does not constitute a refusal to make an anatomical gift of the individual's body or parts.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee at the request of the Midwest Transplant Network. Proponents of the bill included the CEO of the Midwest Transplant Network and the Legislative Counsel for the Midwest Transplant Network and National Kidney Foundation. The proponents stated that the amendments would strengthen and clarify the provisions of the Kansas Uniform Anatomical Gift Act regarding decisions to donate anatomical gifts prior to death. The first person registry would provide a more effective mechanism for donors to have their desires concerning the donation of organs registered and recognized.

There were no opponents of the bill.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Committee also made a technical amendment to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the bill would have no fiscal effect.