Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB47

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2015

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 47 requires applicants for drivers licenses or identification cards to answer the question regarding whether to place their name on the Donor Registry and donate their organs and tissues at the time of death. Currently, applicants do not have to provide an answer to this question, as it is optional.

Current law provides that a donor's status is not changed by the suspension, cancellation, revocation or impoundment of a license or card. This legislation clarifies that the expiration of a driver's license or identification card shall also not change the donor's status, making it consistent with statutes in the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier