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Subject: Anatomical Gift: Interim Report to the Legislature

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The attached report fulfills the requirements of 2016 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 131, Section 3 which states: *"By January 1, 2018, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy that describes the progress made in implementing this act, including the arrangements made to provide access to departmental records and any delays or problems encountered."*

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Landwehr'.

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

- c Bob Meier, DNR Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement and Policy and Government Relations
- James T. Leach, Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Linda Kelly, Chief, Administrative Services Section, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Anatomical Gift

Legislative Interim Report
12/4/2017

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Cost of preparing this report

In accordance with MS 3.197 the following estimated costs are associated with the development and delivery of this report to the legislature. Personnel: \$650.

Introduction

This report fulfills the requirements of [Laws 2016, Regular Session, Chapter 131](#), Bill numbers HF1182/SF1075, signed into Law May 19, 2016 which requires: *“By January 1, 2018, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy that describes the progress made in implementing this act, including the arrangements made to provide access to departmental records and any delays or problems encountered.”*

Anatomical Gifts Bill

Minnesota Statutes 97A.408, provides an option for hunters and anglers to make an organ donation designation during an online hunting or fishing license sale. The statute includes the following requirements:

- The DNR website must provide a link to a federally designated organ procurement organization web site and provide educational materials targeting those who hunt and fish.
- The Department of Public Safety must reimburse DNR and any other state agency that will implement an anatomical gift and donation program in the future for their administrative implementation costs.
- The DNR must report back on the implementation of this act.

Progress Made

Coordination efforts between the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and LifeSource resulted in development and implementation of the anatomical gift donation selection as part of a license purchase. LifeSource is the federally recognized organization used for implementation. This requirement was fully implemented on March 1, 2017. Annual billings are submitted to the Department of Public Safety and reimbursed to the Department of Natural Resources.

Advertising occurred in three regulation books:

- 2017 MN Fishing Regulations book (inside on the back cover page)
- 2017 MN Hunting & Trapping Regulations book (on the last page)
- 2017 MN Waterfowl Hunting Regulations book (on page 4)

Arrangements made to provide access to departmental records

The department submits a weekly file to LifeSource of license purchasers who opt in. As of October 4, 2017, a total of 24,326 of 71,357 (34%) license purchasers opted in.

Delays or problems encountered

Minimal challenges existed in implementing this requirement. One-time contract vendor pricing came in higher than originally estimated. Desired advertising space in the regulation books was larger than estimated in the supporting fiscal note. LifeSource determined to pay for ad space directly via a grant therefore is not billed directly to the Department of Public Safety.

2017 Fishing, Hunting, and Waterfowl Regulation Book Images

ANYONE
CAN REGISTER TO BE AN
ORGAN, EYE &
TISSUE DONOR

NEW IN 2017
Register as a
donor when you
get your DNR
fishing license
online.

Share hope with the
nearly 3,000 Minnesotans
waiting for an organ transplant.

www.DonateLifeMN.org

**ANYONE CAN REGISTER TO BE AN
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NEW IN 2017

Register as a
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hunting license
online.

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NEW IN 2017

Register as
a donor when
you get your
DNR waterfowl
hunting license
online.

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Minnesota's Online Licensing Center

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1. License Selection >> 2. Shopping Cart >> 3. Organ Donation >> 4. Payment



Minnesota residents may register as an organ, eye and tissue donor when they purchase online hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The information entered here will be sent securely to Donate Life Minnesota, the online donor registry managed by LifeSource. If you support donation, please register as a donor and share your decision with your family.

- Anyone age 16 and up can register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, regardless of health conditions
• You can help up to 60 people through organ, eye and tissue donation
• An open casket funeral or viewing is possible
• There is no cost to you or your family
• All major religions support donation

Questions? Call Life-Source at 1-888-5-DONATE. Life-Source is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in our area. Learn more at www.life-source.org.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this registration, I affirm that I am the registrant described on this application and that the information entered is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This registration will serve as my donor document of gift as outlined in the Minnesota Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (Minn. Stat. Ch. 525A). A document of gift, not revoked by the donor before death, is legal authorization for donation and does not require the consent of another person. If I am under 18 years of age, I understand that my parents or legal guardian will be asked to affirm my decision at the time of donation.

Informed Consent for Release of Information:

https://jcuat.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/mn_hfsales/app/shoppi... 11/27/2017

I hereby authorize the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to release my name, address, date of birth and email address collected for the express purpose of registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor. I understand the data collected is considered private data under Minn. Stat. § 84.0874, and my choice to make an anatomical gift is entirely voluntary. I understand and agree that in submitting this registration my private data will be shared with an organ and tissue organization designated by the federal government. Data released to the organ and tissue organization will remain private and further disclosure other than its intended purpose is prohibited.

I choose to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor:

- Yes
• Not at this time (Checking this box will not amend nor revoke any prior existing donor registration)

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Difficulty with web application or need assistance: Email AOHFMNWebmaster@activenetwork.com (response within 48 hours) or call 1-888-773-8450.

You may also purchase your license over the phone by calling 1-888-665-4236 (license sales only).

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Appendix

Bill Language

97A.408 ANATOMICAL GIFT OPTION; EDUCATION.

(a) Applications through the Department of Natural Resources' online sales system for a resident license to hunt or fish that is required under this chapter or chapter 97B must allow the applicant to indicate a desire to make an anatomical gift according to paragraph (b).

(b) The online sales system application must contain statements sufficient to comply with the requirements of the Darlene Luther Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, chapter 525A, so that execution of the application makes the anatomical gift effective for those indicating a desire to make an anatomical gift. The department Web site must provide a link to a federally designated organ procurement organization Web site that contains information describing Minnesota laws regarding anatomical gifts, the need for and benefits of anatomical gifts, and the legal implications of making an anatomical gift, including the law governing revocation of anatomical gifts.

(c) The commissioner must provide education by distributing information about organ and tissue donation and how to register as a donor. The commissioner must distribute the information through Department of Natural Resources print and digital communications targeting those who hunt and fish. The commissioner must prepare the information in conjunction with a Minnesota organ procurement organization.

(d) The commissioner is not required to keep the physical record of the donor's application after issuing the license in order for the anatomical gift to be valid. When an individual indicates consent on an online sales system transaction to share private data for the record of registered donors, the commissioner must provide the private name and address of the individual to the organ procurement organization designated by the federal government. The names and addresses are classified as private data under section [84.0874](#) and remain private once provided to the organ procurement organization.

(e) Chapter 525A applies to anatomical gifts made on an application for a license under this section.

(f) The department must be reimbursed under section [171.075, subdivision 1](#), for the reasonable costs of administering an anatomical gift program.

History:

[2016 c 131 s 2](#)