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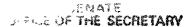
The bill seeks to introduce two innovations that will facilitate the success of Republic Act No. 7170 otherwise known as the Organ Donation Law which was approved on January 7, 1992, and amended by Republic Act No. 7885, or the Act to Advance Corneal Transplantation in the Philippines, in accordance with its spirit and intent.

First is the "Required Request" which mandates the health workers, nurses, doctors, and other health professionals to request any dying individual or any person who may execute a donation in accordance with Section 4 of R.A. 7170 for the donation of any of their transplantable organs and tissues.

Second, this directs the Land Transportation Office to include in the driver's license the query as to whether the person is willing to donate any of his/her organs or tissues. It is well established that victims of vehicular accidents are the best donors since their organs or tissues are good compared to those who died due to some ailment.

Accordingly, the urgent passage of this bill is hereby recommended.

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### AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 8 AND 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7170 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGAN DONATION ACT OF 1991 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 7885 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7170, is hereby amended by adding another paragraph which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 8. Manner of Executing of Legacy.

- a) xxx
- b) xxx
- c) xxx
- d) xxx
- e) The donor may indicate in his/her driver's license the willingness to donate his/her organs and tissues.

For this purpose, the Land Transportation Office is required to include at the back of every driver's license issued the question of whether or not the licensee is willing to donate any of his/her organs and tissues in case of death/brain death."

Section 2. Section 13 of the same law is further amended and shall read as follows:

"SEC. 13. Rights and Duties Before and After Death. – All health workers, nurses, doctors of medicine and other health professionals are required to request, from any dying individuals or relatives of the deceased or any person who may execute a donation in accordance with Section 4 of this Act, for the donation of the healthy organs or tissues.

2)

- a) xxx
- b) xxx."

- Section 3. Rules and Regulations. The implementing rules and regulations of RA 7170 as amended by RA 7885 shall be further amended accordingly by the Secretary of Health, in consultation with professional health groups and the Land Transportation Office, to make it consistent with the provisions of this Act.
- SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act are hereby declared separable, and in the event any such provisions are declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.
- SEC. 5. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
  - SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,