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An act to increase the number of organ donors in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Currently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in order to become an organ donor the citizen must be eighteen years of age or older, give specific consent that he/she wants to become an organ donor, and obtain a donor identification card from the local DMV. This system is known as an opt-in organ donor system. Our bill mandates that the Commonwealth of Kentucky follows the opt-out organ donor system.

Section 2: With the enactment of this bill, every citizen in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be automatically listed as an organ donor. The only case in which a citizen will not be listed as an organ donor is if that citizen gets an opt-out donor identification card from his/her local DMV.

Section 3: This bill is only applicable to citizens over the age of eighteen years of age. Minors can obtain organ donor identification cards, with the permission of their legal guardians. Minors will not be automatically enrolled in the system. People who have HIV, severe infections, or actively spreading brain cancer will be exempt from this.

Section 4: The cost for this bill is will be covered by the DMV's budget. All costs for organ donation will be covered by the transplant recipient's health care policy.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2014.