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SENATE BILL 443

Short Title: Drivers License Fee/Donate Life NC. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Gunn, Brock (Primary Sponsors); Bryant, D. Davis, and Hise.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 26, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND FROM FEES COLLECTED FOR THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A DRIVERS LICENSE AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE TO DONATE LIFE NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c) of Section 5 of S.L. 2004-189 is repealed.

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-7. **Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses.**

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(j) Highway Fund. – ~~The~~Except as provided in subsection (j1) of this section, the fees collected under this section and G.S. 20-14 shall be placed in the Highway Fund.

(j1) License to Give Trust Fund. – The Division shall credit two and one-half percent (2.5%) from the total amount of each fee collected under subsection (i) of this section for the issuance and renewal of drivers licenses to the License to Give Trust Fund established under G.S. 20-7.4. Funds credited to the License to Give Trust Fund under this subsection shall be used for the purposes set forth in G.S. 20-7.4.

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SECTION 3. G.S. 20-7.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-7.4. **License to Give Trust Fund established.**

(a) There is established the License to Give Trust Fund. Revenue in the Fund includes amounts credited by the Division as required by law, and other funds. Any surplus in the Fund shall not revert but shall be used for the purposes stated in this section. The Fund shall be kept on deposit with the State Treasurer, as in the case of other State Funds, and may be invested by the State Treasurer in any lawful securities for investment of State funds. The License to Give Trust Fund is subject to oversight by the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes.

(a1) Fifty percent (50%) of all funds credited to the Fund under G.S. 20-7(j1) shall be transferred on a quarterly basis to Donate Life North Carolina to be used for costs associated with (i) managing the online organ donation registry operated by Donate Life North Carolina and (ii) promoting organ donation throughout the State.

(b) The purposes for which any remaining funds may be expended by the License to Give Trust Fund Commission from the License to Give Trust Fund are as follows:

(1) As grants-in-aid for initiatives that educate about and promote organ and tissue donation and health care decision making at life's end.



1 (2) Expenses of the License to Give Trust Fund Commission as authorized in
2 G.S. 20-7.5."
3 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2016, and applies to drivers
4 license issuances and renewals on or after that date.