

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, we can do that. Basically what some of the changes in the bill are is that you now have the opportunity to donate on an operator's license application. And these applications include motor vehicle driver's license, the commercial driver's license and a state identification card. It enables you to get additional information about an anatomical gift. It will have a brochure that will be passed out to each applicant. This brochure will have the approval of the Department of Health. For those wishing to donate then there will be additional information included. There will be on the operator's license the information and also on the front of the driver's license will be special notification that says this person has indicated they want to become a donor. It identifies the type, all or part of the body, that you wish to donate. It includes again, the legal consent and it changes also the age, and there is an age now of 16 instead of 19. And to give you just a little bit of background as to why I brought this bill, I would very quickly like to give you an example here of what happens to families that are caught in a position where wish to go on a donor program. It's a personal thing with me. It involves my own daughter. They were married, my son-in-law and daughter when they were both 20 years of age and they were married less than a year when Allan became ill, that's my son-in-law. After numerous trips to Denver, Mayo's Clinic and so forth he was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension. This went on for seven years, through doctors, medication, never any hope, nothing improved this position. Things just kept deteriorating till he got to the point where he would be going maybe from the couch to the kitchen cupboard for a drink of water and we knew that things weren't going to go on much longer. At the time he was about 28 years old. The doctors finally said, your only alternative is a heart-lung transplant. Through referrals and so forth they finally wound up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and there the doctor, after an evaluation test, just did put him on a donor list. This would be in October. The following February, through insurance checks and so forth they were able to go on a donor list, then carried a pager every day. He could never get further away from home than 17 miles waiting to be called for a donor. Allan's condition worsened. My daughter confided to me they didn't think he would probably make it through the summer because it would worsen with the heat and so forth. On June 4th Shari was