



SB205 Organ Donor Registry Patient Education Bill Reintroduction

- The bill would help save lives in Michigan by encouraging family doctors and urgent care centers to provide patients with information about organ, tissue and bone marrow donation.
- Studies show that family doctors are the most trusted source of information for those who are hesitant to register as organ donors.
- The Michigan Senate passed SB287 on Sept. 18, 2023. Sen. Kevin Daley reintroduced it on April 16, 2025, as SB205.

This legislation will encourage but not require family doctors to provide information about donation and encourage people to add their names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

The timing of this legislation is important. Through a joint effort between Epic and Donate Life America, patients will have the ability to register as organ, eye and tissue donors directly through MyChart. This offers a new portal entry into the National Donate Life Registry.

MyChart reaches 180 million people in the United States. Some Epic clients will offer this feature as early as May 2025. By the end of 2025, the majority of hospitals and health systems using MyChart will be running the new update with the donor registration opportunity included.

The donor registration opportunity in MyChart will be located in the patient portal—only the patient can access it. It will be included in the patient's list of reminders, e.g., to schedule an annual physical and register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor. Healthcare providers will not see the patient's donor registration in MyChart.

The MyChart user will select registration for organ, eye and tissue donation for transplant, or for organ, eye and tissue donation for transplant, research and education. The registration will then be sent securely and directly to the National Donate Life Registry.

Gift of Life Michigan stands at the ready to provide the resources to Michigan's family doctors to enable them to have these important conversations and to provide resources to make it easy for patients to register as donors. Even though this bill is not a mandate, the weight of the legislation will heighten the need for family doctors to play a more active role in debunking myths about donation and providing accurate information to patients.

Currently, about 2,500 Michiganders are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. The best way to save their lives is to grow the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

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