

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5482**

By Delegates Campbell, Hornbuckle, Jeffries, Lucas,  
Dean, Marple, Ward, Foggin, Heckert, Adkins, and  
Hott

[Introduced February 06, 2024; Referred to the  
Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then  
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §17A-3-14j, relating to creating specially priced registration plates for organ  
 3 donors and creating the Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson Organ Donor Act.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF  
 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

**§17A-3-14j. Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson Organ Donor Act.**

1 In honor of Charleston Police Department Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson, who died in  
 2 the line of duty on December 3, 2020, wearing Badge #146, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall  
 3 begin offering a reduced-price DONATE LIFE Organ Donor license plate. In addition to Patrolman  
 4 Johnson serving her community with bravery and dedication, she also served her fellow man as an  
 5 organ donor in hopes that, even after her passing, she could continue being a source of aid and  
 6 succor to those in need of it. Patrolman Johnson's example has set a precedent in West Virginia  
 7 and inspired this state to lead the charge in inspiring as many people, within the state and without,  
 8 to DONATE LIFE and become organ donors. As a result of her selflessness and status as an  
 9 organ donor, five lives were protected through receipt of her donated organs. In remembrance of  
 10 this exemplary daughter of West Virginia, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall offer special  
 11 DONATE LIFE organ donor plates at the following reduced prices:

12 (1) A prorated \$61.50 purchase fee; and

13 (2) A \$51.50 renewal fee for each following year.

14 To receive this discount for the reduced-price DONATE LIFE Organ Donor license plate,  
 15 the resident must provide proper documentation to the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles  
 16 signifying the resident's status as an organ donor. This documentation can be provided either  
 17 through a driver's license or an attestation from their doctor verifying their status as an organ  
 18 donor.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create specially priced registration plates for organ donors and creating the Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson Organ Donor Act.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.