

SUBJECT: Providing organ donor registration information through TPWD

COMMITTEE: Public Health — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — S. Thompson, Frank, Guerra, Lucio, Ortega, Price, Sheffield, Zedler

0 nays

3 absent — Wray, Allison, Coleman

WITNESSES: For — John Shepperd, Texas Foundation for Conservation and Texas Coalition for Conservation; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Frank McStay, Baylor Scott and White Health; Shayne Woodard, Donate Life Texas; Marshall Kenderdine, Texas Academy of Family Physicians; Michelle Romero, Texas Medical Association; Sherry Ferguson; Connie Gray; Frances Lee)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Mike Hobson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; John Seago, Texas Right to Life)

BACKGROUND: Health and Safety Code sec. 629A.020 establishes the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry, a statewide organ donor registry.

DIGEST: CSHB 406 would require the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to add to its website a link to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry for persons to access when applying for a hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license.

TPWD could adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.