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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 77

5 By: Senator J. Taylor  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE KIDNEY DISEASE  
9 COMMISSION TO HONOR PERSONS WHO HAVE PROVIDED LIVING  
10 KIDNEY DONATIONS TO ARKANSANS IN NEED OF KIDNEY  
11 TRANSPLANTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 DISEASE COMMISSION TO HONOR PERSONS WHO  
17 HAVE PROVIDED LIVING KIDNEY DONATIONS TO  
18 ARKANSANS IN NEED OF KIDNEY  
19 TRANSPLANTATION.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-15-603(a), concerning the powers and  
25 duties of the State Kidney Disease Commission, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The State Kidney Disease Commission shall have the following  
27 functions, powers, and duties:

28 (1)(A) To establish a program to assist persons suffering from  
29 acute or chronic renal failure in obtaining care and treatment requiring  
30 dialysis.

31 (B) The program shall provide financial assistance for  
32 persons suffering from chronic renal diseases who require life-saving care  
33 and treatment for the renal disease to the extent as determined by the  
34 commission that a person is unable to pay for the services on a continuing  
35 basis without causing unjust and unusual hardship to himself or herself and  
36 his or her immediate family including, ~~but not limited to,~~ without limitation



1 a drastic lowering of the standard of living;

2 (2) To develop standards for determining eligibility for  
3 assistance in defraying the cost of care and treatment of renal disease under  
4 this program;

5 (3) To cooperate with hospitals, private groups, and  
6 organizations and public agencies in the development of positive programs to  
7 bring about financial assistance and support of evaluation and treatment of  
8 patients suffering from chronic kidney disease;

9 (4) To cooperate with the national and state kidney foundations  
10 and with medical programs of the state and federal government for the purpose  
11 of obtaining the maximum amount of federal and private assistance possible in  
12 support of a kidney disease treatment program;

13 (5) To establish criteria and standards for evaluating the  
14 financial ability of persons suffering from chronic renal disease to pay for  
15 their own care, including the availability of third-party insurance coverage,  
16 for the purpose of establishing standards for eligibility for financial  
17 assistance in defraying the cost of the care and treatment from funds  
18 appropriated to the commission for renal disease treatment purposes; ~~and~~

19 (6) To accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources,  
20 ~~municipal and county governments, and the federal government~~ and support from  
21 municipal and county governments, to be used for the purposes of this  
22 subchapter in defraying costs incurred by persons suffering from acute or  
23 chronic renal disease who are unable to meet the total cost of life-saving  
24 care and treatment for renal disease; and

25 (7) To accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources  
26 and the federal government and support from municipal and county governments,  
27 to be used to honor persons who have provided living kidney donations to  
28 Arkansans in need of kidney transplantation.

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30 /s/J. Taylor

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33 **APPROVED: 03/14/2011**