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## **Monday is National Donor Day**

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Monday isn't just Valentine's Day, it's also National Donor Day. Many health groups use this day to sponsor blood and marrow drives and organ/tissue sign-ups.

Organ donation saves lives and saves money, cutting health care costs by as much as two-thirds and sav-

ing Medicare millions of dollars every year.



The General Assembly passed the Living Donor Protection Act last year, prohibiting insurers from discriminating against an organ or tissue donor. It also ensures family and medical leave is provided for an eligible employee for the preparation and recovery necessary for donation surgery. In addition, it requires development of informational materials relating to living donors and the benefits of live organ and tissue donation.

New Law to Promote Early Detection, Diagnosis of Dementia

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Legislation aimed at improving the early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias was signed into law by the governor after unanimous approval by both the House and Senate this week.

Act 9 of 2022 calls on the Department of Health to establish and maintain a tool-kit of resources to help educate primary care providers on the importance of early detection. Detecting and diagnosing Alzheimer's and other dementias promptly allows for better care and treatment, and empowers affected individuals to participate in decision-making about their future care at a time when their cognition is least impacted.



