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Find out more from **Donate Life America**.

A new law Senator O'Mara co-sponsored last year to allow 16 and 17 years old to register for organ, eye and tissue donation became effective yesterday. Read more **HERE**.