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## **MPP Proposes On-line Organ Donor Registration**

(Queen's Park) Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees wants to make it easier for people to register as organ and tissue donors.

Klees tabled a resolution in the Legislature today that calls on the government to "expand the opportunity for Ontarians to register as organ and tissue donors by creating an Organ Registration link on the Services Ontario website which will allow Ontarians to register as organ donors on line, using their OHIP number, and that the registration will be filed in real time on the OHIP database."

Prior to tabling the resolution, Klees pointed out that "the well-intentioned wishes of many who have signed a donor card will never be known or acted upon." He pointed out that simply signing a donor card, without having that intention registered on the provincial registration database, greatly reduces the chances of that person ever being considered as a donor.

"If the government is serious about increasing the availability of organs and tissue for transplantation, then this is a practical measure that will make it convenient for people to register and will also ensure that they're listed on the provincial donor registry," said Klees.

"Making donor registration available on the Service Ontario website, that allows for a real-time link to the provincial OHIP database using the OHIP number, just makes good sense. The convenience will increase significantly the number of potential donors and will also ensure that those potential donors will be available to medical teams accessing the OHIP registry."

Ontario lags behind many jurisdictions in organ donations. There were 1,615 Ontarians on the wait-list for organ donations in 2009. In that same year, 95 Ontarians died while waiting for an organ donation while 691 lives were saved by organ donors. One organ donor may potentially save up to 8 lives and enhance the lives of up to 75 others.

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