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The Living Donor Protection Act

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The Living Donor Protection Act (LDPA) (S. 1552 / H.R. 4582 and H.R. 4583) is widely supported, bipartisan, and bicameral legislation that would implement proven strategies to reduce wait times for the 98,000+ individuals needing organ transplantation.

CHALLENGE

- ◆ **No living donor should be discriminated against** in efforts to obtain, or maintain, disability or life insurance based solely on their decision to donate an organ & their decision to donate should not impact their job security.

SOLUTION

- ◆ **ASTS urges Congress to pass the two LDPA bills** to remove barriers to living organ donation by 1) prohibiting discrimination in insurance ([S. 1552](#) & [H.R. 4583](#)) & 2) providing protection for living donors under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) ([S. 1552](#) & [H.R. 4582](#))
- ◆ The House version is a two-bill package, which taken together, is identical to legislation introduced in previous sessions

MOMENTUM IN THE 119TH CONGRESS

- ◆ **29 Senate & 75 House Bipartisan Cosponsors**
- ◆ **Preliminary Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Score of ZERO in the 118th Congress**
- ◆ **Strongly supported among national surgeon, physician, and patient groups. No opposition.**

THE LDPA: PROTECTING DONORS' ACCESS TO INSURANCE & EMPLOYMENT

H.R. 4583:

- ◆ **Prohibits life, disability, and long-term care insurance plans** from denying or limiting coverage & from charging higher premiums for living organ donors.
- ◆ **Directs the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** to update their materials on organ donation to reflect these protections & encourage more individuals to consider donating.

H.R. 4582:

- ◆ **Amends the Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993** to specifically include living organ donation as a serious health condition for private and government employees.

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