HOUSE BILL NO. 465
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTION RELATING TO ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION PROCEDURES, AND SHALL INCLUDE LITTER LAW INSTRUCTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 37-25-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-25-5. The State Superintendent of Public Education shall prepare and recommend to the State Board of Education, and the board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the establishment, conduct and scope of driver education and training programs in secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements and exceptions set forth in this chapter. Said program shall be established and maintained only in accordance with such rules and regulations. The state driver education and training program in secondary schools of this state shall include a program of study for alcohol and safety education as it pertains to driver and highway safety and shall also include instruction relating to organ and tissue donation and organ and tissue donation procedures, and shall include instruction on the litter laws of the state and the responsibilities of the driver and all passengers to dispose of litter in the proper container.

The State Superintendent of Public Education shall prepare an administrative budget from funds made available under this chapter which budget shall be approved by the State Board of Education. It shall be the responsibility of the State Superintendent of Public Education to administer this program in accordance with
rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education and to appoint the necessary supervisors of safety education and the necessary clerical personnel.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.