
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6155

State of Washington

65th Legislature

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Short, King, Hobbs, Takko, Brown, Padden, Saldaña, and Keiser)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to bone marrow donation; amending RCW 70.54.280;
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that every three
6 minutes an American child or adult is diagnosed with a potentially
7 fatal blood disease. The legislature further finds that twenty
8 percent to thirty-four percent of individuals with diverse heritage
9 never find a match. For many of these individuals, bone marrow
10 transplantation is the only chance for survival. The ultimate key to
11 survivability lies in increasing the number of bone marrow donors
12 across all ethnicities, thus increasing the potential for a suitable
13 match. It is the intent of the legislature to increase awareness of
14 the national bone marrow program statewide and to increase the number
15 of Washington residents on the national marrow donor registry in
16 order to increase the chance that all patients in need of bone marrow
17 transplants will find a suitable bone marrow match.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The department shall provide each driver's license or
2 identicard applicant with written materials regarding making a
3 donation of bone marrow and being placed on the bone marrow donor
4 registry at the completion of their licensing transaction.

5 (2) The department of licensing, in cooperation with the national
6 marrow donor program and other appropriate organizations, shall place
7 signage in each of the licensing service offices that provide
8 background on the written materials that the applicant will receive
9 regarding bone marrow donation. This will include a notice that any
10 information provided by the driver's license or identicard applicant
11 will be used solely for allowing the applicant to obtain information
12 on becoming a possible bone marrow donor and will not be used for
13 commercial or fund-raising purposes.

14 (3) No organization or third party may utilize the information
15 obtained from this section for fund-raising or other commercial
16 purposes.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.54.280 and 1992 c 109 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The department of health shall establish a bone marrow donor
20 recruitment and education program to educate residents of the state
21 about:

22 (1) The need for bone marrow donors;

23 (2) The procedures required to become registered as a potential
24 bone marrow donor, including procedures for determining a person's
25 tissue type; ~~((and))~~

26 (3) The procedures a donor must undergo to donate bone marrow or
27 other sources of blood stem cells; and

28 (4) The ability to obtain information about bone marrow donation
29 when applying for or renewing a personal driver's license or
30 identicard with the department of licensing.

31 The department of health shall make special efforts to educate
32 and recruit citizens from minority populations to volunteer as
33 potential bone marrow donors. Means of communication may include use
34 of press, radio, and television, and placement of educational
35 materials in appropriate health care facilities, blood banks, and
36 state and local agencies. The department of health in conjunction
37 with the department of licensing shall make educational materials
38 available at all places where and when drivers' licenses are issued
39 or renewed.

1 By December 1, 2019, the department of health, in conjunction
2 with the department of licensing, must provide a report to the
3 appropriate committees of the legislature on the results and outcomes
4 of the efforts in increasing public awareness of bone marrow donation
5 and the number of individuals being placed on the bone marrow donor
6 registry from Washington state as a result of section 2 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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