

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6155**

65th Legislature  
2018 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 7, 2018  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 27, 2018  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6155** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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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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