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HOUSE BILL DRH40689-MGa-192A

Short Title: Rep. Mike Clampitt Bone Marrow Donation Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Liu.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS MARROW DONATION
3 AWARENESS MONTH; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
4 SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO RAISE
5 AWARENESS THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT BONE
6 MARROW DONATION AND BONE MARROW DONATION REGISTRIES; AND
7 APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON MARROW
9 DONATION AWARENESS MONTH.

10 Whereas, there are thousands of persons across the United States with blood cancers
11 such as leukemia and lymphoma, as well as sickle cell disease and other diseases, who could
12 benefit from receiving a lifesaving bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) transplant;
13 and

14 Whereas, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) operates the "Be the Match
15 Registry," and the first step to becoming a donor is to join this registry; and

16 Whereas, all that is required to register with the NMDP is to complete the online form,
17 order a registration kit, follow the instructions in the kit to collect a swab of cheek cells, and
18 return the kit to the NMDP in order to determine any potential patient matches; and

19 Whereas, a potential donor who matches a patient is asked to make either a bone
20 marrow or PBSC donation; and

21 Whereas, bone marrow donation is a surgical outpatient hospital procedure in which
22 the donor receives anesthesia and feels no pain, and the donated liquid marrow replaces itself
23 completely within four to six weeks; and

24 Whereas, PBSC donation is a nonsurgical procedure that takes place at a blood center
25 or outpatient hospital unit and involves a transplant of cells from circulating blood, with the donor
26 receiving injections of a drug called Filgrastim over a five-day period leading up to donation in
27 order to increase the number of blood-forming cells in the bloodstream, and then having blood
28 removed through a needle in one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the
29 blood-forming cells, with the remaining blood returned to the donor through the other arm; and

30 Whereas, the donor's blood-forming cells return to normal levels within four to six
31 weeks; and

32 Whereas, all medical costs for the donation procedure are covered by the NMDP or
33 the donor's health insurance, as are travel expenses and other nonmedical costs, leaving only the
34 potential cost to the donor being time taken off from work; Now, therefore,
35 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:



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1 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mike Clappitt
2 Advocacy for Marrow Education and Registration Act" or "Clappitt Act."

3 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
4 section to read:

5 **"§ 103-12.5. Marrow Donation Awareness Month.**

6 The month of November of each year is designated as Marrow Donation Awareness Month
7 in North Carolina."

8 **SECTION 3.(a)** In order to raise public awareness about bone marrow donation and
9 transplantation and encourage North Carolina residents to consider joining a bone marrow
10 donation registry, the Department of Health and Human Services shall make available on its
11 internet website a public service announcement containing medically accurate information
12 regarding bone marrow donation and transplantation that is sufficient to allow an individual to
13 make an informed decision about whether to participate in a local or national bone marrow
14 donation registry.

15 **SECTION 3.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide to the
16 Department of Motor Vehicles an internet link to the public service announcement authorized by
17 subsection (a) of this section, which the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make available on
18 its internet website. In addition, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall broadcast the public
19 service announcement authorized by subsection (a) of this section on monitors at drivers license
20 office locations across the State.

21 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to conduct a public awareness
24 campaign regarding Marrow Donation Awareness Month.

25 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.