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LEGISLATIVE BILL 541

FINAL READING

Introduced by Walz, 15.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to anatomical gifts; to amend section 71-4819,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating
- 3 to public education regarding bone marrow donors; to provide powers
- 4 and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to
- 5 authorize the providing of bone marrow registry information to
- 6 patients by physicians as prescribed; and to repeal the original
- 7 section.
- 8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-4819, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-4819 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
4 educate residents of the state about:

5 (a) The need for bone marrow donors;

6 (b) Patient populations benefiting from bone marrow donations;

7 (c) How to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow
8 registry;

9 (d) ~~(b)~~ The procedures required to become registered as a potential
10 bone marrow donor, including the procedures for determining tissue type;
11 and

12 (e) ~~(c)~~ The medical procedures a donor must undergo to donate bone
13 marrow and the attendant risks of the procedures.

14 (2) The department shall provide information and educational
15 materials to the public regarding bone marrow donation. The department
16 shall seek assistance from the national marrow donor program to establish
17 a system to distribute materials, ensure that the materials are updated
18 periodically, and fully disclose the risks involved in donating bone
19 marrow. The department shall make special efforts to educate and recruit
20 persons of racial and ethnic minorities to volunteer as potential bone
21 marrow donors.

22 (3) The department may use the press, radio, and television and may
23 place educational materials in appropriate health care facilities, blood
24 banks, and state and local agencies. The department, in conjunction with
25 the Director of Motor Vehicles, shall make educational materials
26 available at all places where motor vehicle operators' licenses are
27 issued or renewed.

28 Sec. 2. Each physician may inquire of a new patient who is at least
29 eighteen years of age and younger than forty-five years of age on the new
30 patient's intake form as to whether the patient is registered with the
31 bone marrow registry. If the patient states that the patient is not

1 registered with the bone marrow registry, the physician may provide
2 information developed and disseminated by the Department of Health and
3 Human Services regarding the bone marrow registry to the patient.

4 Sec. 3. Original section 71-4819, Reissue Revised Statutes of
5 Nebraska, is repealed.