

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 398

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “offer” and substitute “allow”; in line 4, strike “donating” and substitute “arranging for the donation of”; and strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 7 down through “blood” in line 10 and substitute “providing that a hospital or hospital employee may not be required to collect cord blood if the collection of cord blood conflicts with the bona fide religious practices and beliefs of the hospital or hospital employee; providing for the construction of this Act”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike “OFFER” and substitute “ALLOW”; and in line 22, strike “THE OPTION OF DONATING” and substitute “TO ARRANGE FOR THE DONATION OF”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 4, strike the first “ANY” and substitute “A”; in the same line, strike the second “ANY”; strike beginning with “PHYSICIANS” in line 4 down through “BELIEFS” in line 9 and substitute “A PHYSICIAN, NURSE, OR OTHER MEDICAL STAFF”; in line 9, after “BLOOD” insert “IF THE COLLECTION OF CORD BLOOD CONFLICTS WITH THE BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND BELIEFS OF THE HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE”; and after line 9, insert:

“(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL TO ARRANGE FOR THE DONATION OF BLOOD EXTRACTED FROM UMBILICAL CORDS.”.