
By: Senator Boozer

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 1997

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Consent Required for Blood Donations by Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from taking a donation of blood from a minor
4 before the person receives the written consent of a parent or legal guardian of the
5 minor; providing a penalty for a violation of this Act; repealing existing provisions
6 related to the consent required for blood donations by minors; and generally
7 relating to the consent required for blood donations by minors.

8 BY repealing

9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 20-101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article - Health - General
15 Section 20-101
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 [20-101.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is at least 17 years old,
23 without the consent of a parent, may give blood to a program that:

24 (1) Is voluntary;

25 (2) Does not pay money for the blood; and

26 (3) Is approved by:

27 (i) The American Association of Blood Banks; or

28 (ii) The American Red Cross.]

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1 20-101.

2 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A DONATION OF BLOOD FROM A MINOR UNTIL
3 THE PERSON RECEIVES THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
4 OF THE MINOR.

5 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT
6 TO A CIVIL FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 1997.