
By: Senator Boozer

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CHAPTER ____

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:

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1 **Article - Health - General**

2 [20-101.

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

5 (1) Is voluntary;

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

7 (3) Is approved by:

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

9 (ii) The American Red Cross.]

10 20-101.

11 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A DONATION OF BLOOD FROM A MINOR UNTIL
12 THE PERSON RECEIVES THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
13 OF THE MINOR.

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

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