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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Blood Donation - Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the age at which a minor may donate blood without the
4 consent of a parent; and generally relating to the age a minor may donate blood.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Health - General
7 Section 20-101
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Health - General**

13 20-101.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is at least [17] 16
15 years old, without the consent of a parent, may give blood to a program that:

16 (1) Is voluntary;

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

18 (3) Is approved by:

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

20 (ii) The American Red Cross.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2002.