

# HOUSE BILL No. 1445

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-17-22.

**Synopsis:** Regulation of animal blood banks. Requires the board of animal health to establish: (1) standards of care for animals donating blood at an animal blood bank; and (2) a routine inspection program for animal blood banks.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-17-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]:  
4 **Chapter 22. Animal Blood Bank Regulations**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "animal blood bank" means an**  
6 **establishment that produces animal blood or blood component**  
7 **products from a:**  
8 **(1) captive closed colony; or**  
9 **(2) community sourced animal;**  
10 **to donate, market, or sell for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment,**  
11 **or prevention of injury or disease in animals.**  
12 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "blood" means blood**  
13 **collected directly from a donor animal for transfusion.**  
14 **(b) The term includes blood components for transfusion,**  
15 **including:**  
16 **(1) packed red blood cells;**  
17 **(2) platelet-rich plasma;**



- 1           **(3) platelet concentrates;**
- 2           **(4) fresh plasma;**
- 3           **(5) fresh frozen plasma;**
- 4           **(6) frozen plasma;**
- 5           **(7) cryoprecipitate; and**
- 6           **(8) cryosupernatant.**
- 7           **(c) The term does not include antibody products such as**
- 8           **hyperimmune serums.**
- 9           **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "captive closed colony" means an**
- 10           **establishment that:**
- 11           **(1) keeps;**
- 12           **(2) houses; or**
- 13           **(3) maintains;**
- 14           **animals in any way for the purpose of collecting animal blood or**
- 15           **animal blood components.**
- 16           **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "community sourced" means a**
- 17           **blood donation to an animal blood bank from a donor animal that**
- 18           **is:**
- 19           **(1) kept;**
- 20           **(2) housed; and**
- 21           **(3) maintained;**
- 22           **at the residence of an individual who is the owner of the animal.**
- 23           **Sec. 5. The board shall, not later than July 1, 2026, adopt rules**
- 24           **under IC 4-22-2 to establish:**
- 25           **(1) standards of care for animals donating blood at an animal**
- 26           **blood bank; and**
- 27           **(2) a routine inspection program for animal blood banks.**

