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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 1, 2024

AN ACT

1 2 3 4	Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for public health notification programs; and establishing a bone marrow donor recruitment program.
5	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6	hereby enacts as follows:
7	Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8	Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:
9	CHAPTER 56A
10	PUBLIC HEALTH NOTIFICATION PROGRAMS
11	<u>Subchapter</u>
12	A. (Reserved)
13	B. (Reserved)
14	C. Bone Marrow Donor Recruitment Program
15	SUBCHAPTER A
16	(Reserved)
17	SUBCHAPTER B
18	(Reserved)

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2 BONE MARROW DONOR RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

- 3 Sec.
- 4 <u>56A21. Definitions.</u>
- 5 56A22. Bone marrow donor recruitment program.
- 6 <u>56A23. Regulations.</u>
- 7 § 56A21. Definitions.
- 8 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
- 9 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 10 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 11 "Biomarker." A blood protein, such as a human erythrocyte
- 12 glycoprotein, a human blood rhesus factor antigen, a human
- 13 <u>leukocyte antigen or other organic compound found in blood as</u>
- 14 <u>determined by the department which may be used diagnostically to</u>
- 15 <u>determine the compatibility or viability of donor tissue for the</u>
- 16 donation recipient.
- 17 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.
- 18 § 56A22. Bone marrow donor recruitment program.
- 19 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish a bone
- 20 marrow donor recruitment program to educate residents of this
- 21 Commonwealth on the following:
- 22 (1) The need for bone marrow donors who meet the
- 23 eligibility criteria established by the National Marrow Donor
- 24 Program from every ethnic background and necessary blood
- 25 compatibility biomarker grouping.
- 26 (2) The requirements for registering as a potential bone
- 27 marrow donor with the federally authorized bone marrow donor
- 28 <u>registry established and maintained by the National Marrow</u>
- 29 Donor Program, including procedures for determining an
- 30 <u>individual's tissue type.</u>

- 1 (3) The collection procedures an individual must undergo
- 2 to donate bone marrow or other sources of blood stem cells.
- 3 (4) The availability of information about bone marrow
- 4 <u>donation in health care facilities, blood banks and driver's</u>
- 5 license offices.
- 6 (b) Electronic informational materials. -- The department, in
- 7 consultation with the National Marrow Donor Program, shall
- 8 develop electronic informational materials, including content
- 9 for publicly accessible Internet websites of State agencies and
- 10 <u>machine-readable codes</u>, including:
- 11 (1) Bone marrow donation.
- 12 (2) The process of registering with the National Marrow
- 13 <u>Donor Program's bone marrow donor registry.</u>
- 14 <u>(c) Dissemination of informational materials.--</u>
- 15 <u>(1) The department shall post the information under</u>
- subsection (b) on the department's publicly accessible
- 17 Internet website and shall, in collaboration with the
- 18 <u>Department of Transportation</u>, display the information
- 19 electronically.
- 20 (2) A health care facility, blood bank or publicly
- 21 accessible office of the Department of Transportation may
- 22 <u>print, post or electronically display the materials under</u>
- 23 subsection (b) in its facilities.
- 24 <u>§ 56A23.</u> Regulations.
- 25 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to
- 26 <u>implement this subchapter</u>.
- 27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.