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SYNOPSIS

Individual's status as minor may not disqualify him from bone marrow donation if medical criteria and informed consent requirements are met.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning bone marrow donation and supplementing Title
2 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. An individual's status as a minor may not disqualify him
8 from bone marrow donation if the minor meets the medical criteria
9 for bone marrow donation, the minor's parent or legal guardian
10 provides written consent, and a medical informed consent is signed
11 as required by law.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill provides that an individual's status as a minor may not
19 disqualify him from bone marrow donation if the minor meets the
20 medical criteria for bone marrow donation, the minor's parent or
21 legal guardian provides written consent, and a medical informed
22 consent is signed as required by law.

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24 This bill, which is similar to legislation enacted in Washington
25 State in 2000, is in response to the policy of the National Marrow
26 Donor Program (NMDP) to exclude individuals under 18 years of
27 age from registering to be volunteer bone marrow donors. The
28 NMDP is a nonprofit organization that facilitates unrelated bone
29 marrow and blood stem cell transplants for patients with life-
30 threatening diseases who do not have matching donors in their
31 families, through its Be The Match Registry. The NMDP is
32 authorized by the federal government to operate the C. W. Bill
33 Young Cell Transplantation Program, the federal program
34 supporting bone marrow and cord blood donation and
transplantation.