
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 2557

Brief Description: Concerning bone marrow donation information provided to driver's license and identicaid applicants.

Sponsors: Representatives Maycumber, Lovick, Graves, Volz, DeBolt, Stambaugh, Chandler, Cody, Caldier, Fitzgibbon, Senn, Muri, Kretz, Ryu, Smith, Dent, Slatter, Eslick, Stanford, Doglio, Ormsby, Steele, Macri, Riccelli and Young.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to allow a driver's license or identicaid applicant to opt in to receiving information about the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, which the DOL must provide either electronically or in hard copy based on the applicant's preference.
- Requires the Department of Health to report to the Legislature the results of the efforts to increase public awareness of bone marrow donation and the number of individuals being placed on the bone marrow donation registry from Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/23/18

Staff: Kim Weidenaar (786-7120).

Background:

The Department of Health (DOH) was required to establish a bone marrow donor recruitment and education program to educate residents about:

- the need for bone marrow donors;
- the procedures required to become registered as a potential bone marrow donor, including procedures for determining a person's tissue type; and
- the procedure a donor must undergo to donate bone marrow or other sources of blood stem cells.

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The DOH must make a special effort to educate and recruit residents from minority populations to volunteer as potential bone marrow donors. The DOH must also make special efforts to educate and recruit state employees, including conducting a bone marrow drive. The DOH, in conjunction with Department of Licensing (DOL), must make educational materials available at all places where driver's licenses are issued or renewed. Minors are not disqualified from bone marrow donation.

The National Marrow Donor Program is a 30 year old program that operates the Be The Match Registry, which is the largest and most diverse bone marrow registry in the world.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) must provide the ability for a driver's license or identicard applicant to express a written interest in obtaining further information, either electronically or in hard copy, about making a donation of bone marrow and the bone marrow donor registry. If the applicant expresses an interest in obtaining information, the DOL must either send an email with a link to the National Bone Marrow Donor Program (Program) or provide written materials from the Program based upon the applicants chosen method to receive the materials. The DOL must provide a notice that any information the applicant provides is used solely to provide the applicant with information about the Program and may not be used for fund-raising or commercial purposes.

The Department of Health's (DOH) Bone Marrow Donor Recruitment and Education Program must also include the ability to obtain information about bone marrow donation when applying for or renewing a personal driver's license or identicard with the DOL.

By December 1, 2020, the DOH, in conjunction with the DOL, must provide a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on the results and outcomes of the efforts to increase public awareness of bone marrow donation and the number of individuals being placed on the bone marrow donation registry from Washington as a result of the Act.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 22, 2018.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2019.