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By Senators Short, King, Hobbs, Takko, Brown, Padden, Saldaña, and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to bone marrow donation; amending RCW 70.54.280;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; creating a new section;  
3 and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that every three  
6 minutes an American child or adult is diagnosed with a potentially  
7 fatal blood disease. The legislature further finds that twenty  
8 percent to thirty-four percent of individuals with diverse heritage  
9 never find a match. For many of these individuals, bone marrow  
10 transplantation is the only chance for survival. The ultimate key to  
11 survivability lies in increasing the number of bone marrow donors  
12 across all ethnicities, thus increasing the potential for a suitable  
13 match. It is the intent of the legislature to increase awareness of  
14 the national bone marrow program statewide and to increase the number  
15 of Washington residents on the national marrow donor registry in  
16 order to increase the chance that all patients in need of bone marrow  
17 transplants will find a suitable bone marrow match.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1)(a) The department must provide the ability for a driver's  
2 license or identicard applicant to express a written interest in  
3 obtaining further information about making a donation of bone marrow  
4 and being placed on the bone marrow donor registry.

5 (b) The department of licensing must include a notice that any  
6 information provided by the driver's license or identicard applicant  
7 will be used solely for allowing the applicant to obtain information  
8 based on the applicant's written authorization about becoming a  
9 possible bone marrow donor and will not be used for commercial or  
10 fund-raising purposes.

11 (2) Upon receiving consent from the driver's license or  
12 identicard applicant desiring additional information about bone  
13 marrow donation and where the applicant has expressed interest in  
14 receiving the information electronically, the department of licensing  
15 will send an email with a web site link to the national bone marrow  
16 donor program.

17 (3) Upon receiving consent from the driver's license or  
18 identicard applicant desiring additional information about bone  
19 marrow donation and where the applicant has expressed interest in  
20 receiving hard copy written information, the department of licensing  
21 will provide written materials from the national bone marrow donor  
22 program.

23 (4) No organization or third party may utilize the information  
24 obtained from this section for fund-raising or other commercial  
25 purposes.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.54.280 and 1992 c 109 s 2 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 The department of health shall establish a bone marrow donor  
29 recruitment and education program to educate residents of the state  
30 about:

31 (1) The need for bone marrow donors;

32 (2) The procedures required to become registered as a potential  
33 bone marrow donor, including procedures for determining a person's  
34 tissue type; (~~and~~)

35 (3) The procedures a donor must undergo to donate bone marrow or  
36 other sources of blood stem cells; and

37 (4) The ability to obtain information about bone marrow donation  
38 when applying for or renewing a personal driver's license or  
39 identicard with the department of licensing.

1       The department of health shall make special efforts to educate  
2 and recruit citizens from minority populations to volunteer as  
3 potential bone marrow donors. Means of communication may include use  
4 of press, radio, and television, and placement of educational  
5 materials in appropriate health care facilities, blood banks, and  
6 state and local agencies. The department of health in conjunction  
7 with the department of licensing shall make educational materials  
8 available at all places where and when drivers' licenses are issued  
9 or renewed.

10       By December 1, 2020, the department of health, in conjunction  
11 with the department of licensing, must provide a report to the  
12 appropriate committees of the legislature on the results and outcomes  
13 of the efforts in increasing public awareness of bone marrow donation  
14 and the number of individuals being placed on the bone marrow donor  
15 registry from Washington state as a result of section 2 of this act.

16       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   This act takes effect July 1, 2019.

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