

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6567

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Recognizing the eighteenth day of December as blood donor day.

Sponsors: Senators Frockt, Conway, Short, Pedersen, Cleveland, Kuderer, Randall, Hunt, Saldaña, Takko, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections
House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

Background: Apart from state legal holidays, the state identifies certain days of recognition throughout the year. Such recognition dates commemorate an event, individual, or groups of persons.

Every year different organizations recognize the lifesaving contribution of blood and platelet donors. The American Red Cross celebrates National Blood Donor Month in January and World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on June 14th. National Blood Donor Month has been observed since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter—one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs.

On December 18, 2017, the Amtrak Cascades passenger train 501 derailed south of DuPont, Washington, near Olympia. Several passenger railcars fell onto Interstate 5 and hit multiple vehicles, killing three passengers and injuring 65 people, many of which were transported to local hospitals for treatment. Within hours of the derailment, the Governor declared a state of emergency and activated the Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray to coordinate the multi-agency response to the incident, which included the need for local blood centers to facilitate blood donations to treat injured passengers.

Summary: December 18th is recognized as Blood Donor Day, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	97	0

Effective: June 11, 2020

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