
SENATE BILL 5639

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1 AN ACT Relating to blood donors; and adding new sections to chapter
2 70.54 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any blood donor program established in this state for receiving
7 blood donations for medical or health purposes shall establish a
8 program and procedure to honor requests by donors to have the blood
9 donations directed for use to persons as specified by such donors for
10 a period of fourteen days following the donation. The blood donor
11 program may charge reasonable fees for such directed blood donations to
12 cover administrative costs.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The program aspects established under section 1 of this act shall
16 include, but not be limited to:

17 (1) Designated donations may be accepted only on written request of
18 the patient's responsible physician and with the written consent of the

1 patient or legal guardian. The physician request shall state the
2 required blood components;

3 (2) Designated donations may be permitted only for a specific
4 patient who is scheduled for a procedure that has a reasonable
5 likelihood of requiring transfusion;

6 (3) Directed donations may be accepted prior to testing the blood
7 type of the designated recipient;

8 (4) The blood bank may separate blood donated into its component
9 parts;

10 (5) The blood components may be directed only if they are viable
11 for at least fourteen days; and

12 (6) Cryoprecipitate may be directed only upon special request by
13 the donor with written request by the physician.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The procedural aspects established under section 1 of this act
17 shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) The donor shall designate the recipient of the blood. Only one
19 recipient may be named;

20 (2) The donor will make an appointment with the blood donor program
21 for the donation;

22 (3) The donor will sign a release when the blood is donated which
23 includes an acknowledgement that the designated recipient may not
24 receive the directed blood donation due to emergencies, incompatibility
25 in blood type, breakage, contamination, or other unforeseen problems.
26 Therefore, there is no guarantee that designated blood will be suitable
27 or made available for transfusion; and

28 (4) The physician request shall be submitted to the blood bank one
29 week in advance and no less than forty-eight work week hours prior to
30 the expected transfusion date.

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