

HB

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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Judiciary

3/17/79

Date: 3/21/79

Mr. President:

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had HB 22 relating to the donation of blood by those who have reached the age of 17 years

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Letty's Fairness Bill

CHAIRMAN

HB 22
By ~~James~~
Phillips

"An act relating to the ~~of Florida~~
by those who have reached the age of 70."

Introduced 1-24-79

Logged 3-19-79

Referred Judiciary

Comm. meeting 3-28-79

" action-passed taken Senate Secy. 3-28-79

3/21/80 sent back to Rules Comm.

Spokane notified.
Jenice states office in file of "Suzanne"
Position paper received

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OF REGULATIONS

March 23, 1979

The Honorable Glenn Hackney
Chairman, Senate Health, Education
and Social Services Committee
Pouch V, Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: House Bill 22
Donation of Blood

Dear Senator Hackney:

This letter is in support of House Bill 22, which would permit 17 year olds to become blood donors without the need of obtaining specific written permission from their parents.

Many states have such legislation at this time and I am sure that Alaska blood banks and patients would benefit considerably by having this statutory privilege.

This identical bill was submitted to the previous Legislature, passed through the House and was approved by the Senate HESS Committee and was in the Senate Rules Committee at the time of adjournment. So, the bill has been considered before by the Senate HESS Committee and was approved.

The purpose of this bill is to permit 17 year olds to donate blood without the specific written permission of the parents. This substantially expands the number of young, healthy donors available for blood donations. Presently, a 17 year old may be inspired to donate blood but the simple complication of getting the parents' written consent requires an extra trip to the blood bank

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and most of the donors then do not return.

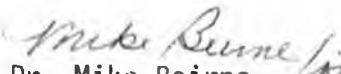
Physically, there is no medical reason why a 17 year old is not physically able to donate a unit of blood. Each donor completes a medical questionnaire and takes a blood test and other medical tests prior to being approved as a donor.

The present system tends to delay and discourage the young people from joining in this community activity. All blood banks in Alaska are nonprofit operations. Permitting the young people to participate in this part of society that they can so well do builds in them a sense of belonging to the community, a community responsibility consciousness, and is, in a sense, a Junior Achievement program.

I can think of no reason why this privilege should not be extended to 17 year olds. Further, the blood banks would find this very helpful to them, and I have never heard any opposition to this program.

I hope that the Committee will again favorably consider this legislation.

Sincerely,


Dr. Mike Beirne
State Representative

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THE BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT OF HB58
ALLOWING 17 YEAR OLDS TO CONTRIBUTE BLOOD. THE BLOOD BANK
SERVES THE ENTIRE STATE. WE FEEL THIS LEGISLATION DOES MUCH
TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRIDE OF GIVING
AMONG THE YOUNG, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ASSURING AN ADEQUATE
SUPPLY OF BLOOD FOR ALASKANS IN NEED OF IT. WE HOPE THAT WE
CAN COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THIS NEEDED LEGISLATION.

ELIZABETH A. KARALUNAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA

POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 22

"An Act relating to the donation of blood by those who have reached the age of 17 years."

This bill has two medical considerations:

1. Is there a shortage of blood donors in Alaska that could be relieved by allowing 17 year old persons to donate without permission of their parents or guardians? Hospital blood banks could answer this question based on their experience. The Department of Health and Social Services could investigate this issue if it is desired by the Legislature.

2. Is a 17 year old a suitable blood donor?

Yes, at this age an adolescent can safely donate blood under the same guidelines as an adult.

This bill also has a significant sociologic consideration:

Why should the age of majority be lowered for this particular reason?

Until there has been demonstration of a compelling reason under the first medical consideration or the sociologic consideration, the Department of Health and Social Services is neutral towards this bill.

Recommended by:

Robert I. Fraser
Robert I. Fraser, M.D., Director 2/14/79

Approved by:

Helen C. Beirne 2/16/79
Helen C. Beirne, Commissioner
Dept. of Health & Social Services

Blood Donors

HOUSE BILL NO. 22, by Reps. Beirne and Phillips. Relates to blood donors over the age of 17. Amends AS 25.20 by adding new section 25,20.012: "EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 25.20.012, a person who has reached the age of 17 years may make blood donations without the permission of a parent or guardian." No effective date provided.

Introduced January 24 and referred to HESS.

*Our copy
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Introduced: 1/24/79
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE AND PHILLIPS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the donation of blood by those who
7 have reached the age of 17 years."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 25.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 25.20.012. EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding the provisions of

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AS 25.20.010, a person who has reached the age of 17 years may make

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blood donations without the permission of a parent or guardian.

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*Barnes -
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