

House File 165 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to donation of newborn umbilical cord blood.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.39D Donation of newborn
2 umbilical cord blood — exemption from civil liability.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary regarding
4 blood donation, the principal prenatal health care provider
5 of a woman who is known by the provider to be pregnant shall,
6 prior to the thirty-fifth week of the woman's pregnancy,
7 provide the woman with information regarding options for
8 donation of blood extracted from the umbilical cord of the
9 newborn to an accepting and accredited cord blood bank, blood
10 bank, blood center, or plasma center.

11 2. A person shall not be subject to civil liability for
12 failure to comply with this section.

EXPLANATION

14 This bill relates to donation of newborn umbilical cord
15 blood. The bill directs the principal prenatal health care
16 provider of a woman known by the provider to be pregnant, to
17 provide the woman, prior to the 35th week of the pregnancy,
18 with information regarding the options for donation of
19 umbilical cord blood to an accepting and accredited cord blood
20 bank, blood bank, blood center, or plasma center. The bill
21 provides an exemption from civil liability for failure to
22 comply with the bill.