

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 9, 2002.

CHAPTER 46

(House Bill 210)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Blood Donation - Minors

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision relating to consent for blood donation by a certain minor; altering the age at which a minor may donate blood ~~without the consent of a parent~~ under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the age a minor may donate blood.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 20-101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

20-101.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is at least ~~17~~ **16** years old, without the consent of a parent OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, may give blood to a program that:

- (1) Is voluntary;
- (2) Does not pay money for the blood; and
- (3) Is approved by:
 - (i) The American Association of Blood Banks; or
 - (ii) The American Red Cross.

(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A MINOR WHO IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD, AND HAS OBTAINED THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, MAY GIVE BLOOD TO THE PROGRAMS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.