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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BLOOD DONATIONS AND VACCINATIONS
ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Cardillo, and Costantino

Date Introduced: March 04, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 4.15

4 BLOOD DONATIONS AND VACCINATIONS ACT

5 **23-4.15-1. Short title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Blood Donations and Vaccinations
7 Act."

8 **23-4.15-2. Disclosure of mRNA vaccinations for blood donations; Labeling; Right to**
9 **request certain blood.**

10 (a) Any person or entity that is licensed, as required in § 23-4.5-2, to collect human blood
11 donations for the purpose of providing blood for human transfusion shall require blood donors to
12 disclose whether the blood donor has received a COVID-19 vaccine or a messenger ribonucleic
13 acid vaccine during the donor's lifetime.

14 (b) Blood originating from a donor who has received a COVID-19 vaccine or a messenger
15 ribonucleic acid vaccine shall be conspicuously marked and/or labeled.

16 (c) In a nonemergency situation, as determined by the person providing medical services,
17 a person receiving a blood transfusion shall have the right to request blood based on whether or not
18 the blood originated from a person who has received a COVID-19 vaccine or a messenger

1 ribonucleic acid vaccine and to refuse any such transfusion if the blood originates from any person
2 who has, or has not, received a COVID-19 vaccine or messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine, provided
3 that the patient's preferred choice is available.

4 (d) The department of health shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to
5 implement this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that any person or entity that collects human blood for purposes of
2 transfusions to require that the donor disclose whether they have received a COVID-19 or
3 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine, requires that all blood collected be labeled to indicate whether
4 the donor has received those vaccinations and permits the recipient, in a nonemergency situation,
5 to inquire whether the blood originates from someone who has received those vaccinations and to
6 refuse the transfusion if the blood is not from a preferred source, provided that the preferred blood
7 is available.

8 This act would take effect upon passage.

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