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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS

Introduced By: Representative Charlene Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2026

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 AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS

5 **23-4.15-1. Autologous or direct blood donations -- Requirements.**

6 (a) For purposes of this section:

7 (1) "Autologous blood donation" means when a person donates the person's own blood for
8 personal use during a future medical procedure.

9 (2) "Direct blood donation" means when a person donates the person's blood specifically
10 for the use of another person during the other person's future medical procedure.

11 (b) A hospital or other healthcare facility licensed under this title 23 shall allow a person
12 on whom a medical procedure is to be performed at the facility to donate a healthcare
13 provider-ordered autologous or direct blood donation before the medical procedure if the facility
14 performs blood donations.

15 (c) A blood bank that facilitates autologous or direct blood donations shall comply with a
16 healthcare provider's order prescribing an autologous or direct blood donation for a person, unless
17 the person donating blood is in ill health, has a heart condition that makes donating blood
18 inadvisable, the person weighs too little to donate blood, or the person cannot or should not donate

1 blood for any other reason.

2 (d) A blood bank may charge not more than their regular fee to facilitate an autologous or
3 direct blood donation ordered by a healthcare provider under subsection (c) of this section. The
4 blood bank may charge a fee to store the donated blood until it is used by the person meant to
5 receive it.

6 (e) The department of health shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to
7 implement this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide for autologous blood donations.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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