
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ROBBINS, DeWEESE, SWEET AND KENNEY, NOVEMBER 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, NOVEMBER 27, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 6, 1972 (P.L.1614, No.335),
2 entitled "An act defining blood banks, serum exchanges, blood
3 bank depositories; blood fractionization and blood products
4 operation; regulating the operations of same; requiring such
5 organizations to obtain licenses to engage in these
6 activities; requiring minimal standards of operation and
7 qualifications of supervising personnel; imposing certain
8 duties upon the Department of Health; establishing a blood
9 bank advisory committee and providing penalties," requiring a
10 screening test for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 14(8) of the act of December 6, 1972
14 (P.L.1614, No.335), known as the Pennsylvania Blood Bank Act, is
15 amended to read:

16 Section 14. Rules and Regulations.--The department shall
17 with the advice of the Blood Bank Advisory Committee establish
18 rules and regulations for the standards and specific
19 requirements for operation of blood banks including, but not
20 limited to:

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2 (8) The department shall set guidelines for the location of
3 blood banks in order to avoid areas of high risk where there are
4 high levels of hepatitis, acquired immuned deficiency syndrome
5 or other diseases transferred by blood transfusions.

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 6514.2. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.--(a)
9 Donated blood shall be tested for the presence of acquired
10 immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus in accordance with
11 screening test procedures approved by the Department of Health.

12 (b) Identification of all donors who show positive signs of
13 exposure shall be made, including the name, address and age of
14 the donor and the date and place of bleeding and testing, and
15 transmitted to the Department of Health.

16 (c) Donors shall be notified when positive signs of an
17 antibody have been detected, the blood shall be deferred for use
18 and the donor shall be advised to consult with a physician for
19 counseling and further testing.

20 (d) The Department of Health shall distribute to each
21 licensed blood bank a list of donors whose blood has reacted
22 positively to the approved test for acquired immune deficiency
23 syndrome antibody.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.