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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 289, L.D. 915, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Permit 17 Year Olds to Donate Blood Without Parental  
Consent."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause  
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

Whereas, during the summer months the supply of blood is  
lower than it is at other times of the year; and

Whereas, many high schools will sponsor blood drives between  
now and June to help relieve the blood shortage the State will  
experience during the summer; and

Whereas, enacting this bill as an emergency will enable 17-  
year old high school students to donate blood without parental  
permission during the blood drives this spring and will thereby  
increase the number of potential donors and, hopefully, the amount  
of blood actually donated; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, '

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Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The bill needs to be passed by the Legislature as an emergency because the supply of blood is lower during the summer months. If the bill becomes effective upon approval, the number of potential blood donors will increase for the blood drives sponsored by high schools around the State this spring.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.  
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