

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 915

S. P. 289

In Senate, March 16, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Trozky of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Permit 17 Year Olds to Donate Blood Without Parental Consent.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

22 MRSA c. 1058 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1058

GENERAL PROVISIONS

RELATING TO CHILDREN

§ 3901. Blood donation

Any person of the age of 17 years or over may consent to donate blood in any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the necessity of obtaining parental permission or authorization. This consent shall be valid and binding as if the person had achieved his majority and shall not be subject to later disaffirmance because of minority.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would permit minors 17 years of age and older to donate blood without first obtaining parental consent. Approximately 20 of the 50 states have enacted legislation permitting 17 year olds to donate blood to a volunteer blood program without parental consent. In Maine, allowing 17 year olds to donate may help relieve the drastic blood shortage.