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House of Representatives, February 16, 2021

**An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and
Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant
List**

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 408-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 408-B**

4 **BONE MARROW DONATION**

5 **§1981. Educational materials**

6 **1. Content.** The department shall develop informational and educational materials for
7 dissemination to the public and the health care providers, as defined in section 1843,
8 subsection 3 regarding bone marrow donation through the national marrow donor program.
9 The department shall seek assistance from the national marrow donor program to ensure
10 that the materials are updated periodically, fully disclose the risks involved in donating
11 bone marrow and address the education and recruitment of minority populations.

12 The information and educational materials must include information on:

- 13 A. The need for bone marrow donations;
14 B. The patient populations that would benefit from bone marrow donation;
15 C. How to join the bone marrow registry; and
16 D. How to acquire a free buccal swab kit from the bone marrow registry.

17 **2. Distribution.** The department shall provide information and educational materials
18 developed pursuant to subsection 1 to the public and to health care providers. The
19 department shall seek assistance from the national marrow donor program to establish a
20 system to distribute the information and educational materials.

21 **3. Rules.** The department shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5,
22 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement the provisions of this chapter, including the
23 establishment of a distribution system and methods to ensure the use of the materials by
24 health care providers.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and
27 disseminate, in coordination with the national marrow donor program, information and
28 educational materials regarding bone marrow donation. The information and materials
29 must be distributed to the public and to health care providers.