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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER.....carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSESHouse & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT.....legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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offering, the issuer must return all funds to investors.

Public Law 2013, chapter 452 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 2, 2014.

LD 1600

An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability

PUBLIC 603

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RANKIN LANGLEY	OTP-AM ONTP OTP-AM	H-755

This bill requires health insurance coverage for laboratory fees up to \$150 arising from human leukocyte antigen testing performed to establish bone marrow transplantation suitability.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-755)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill.

The amendment requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for laboratory fees up to \$150 arising from human leukocyte antigen testing performed to establish bone marrow transplantation suitability, and prohibits carriers from imposing any cost-sharing requirement on enrollees for the test. The amendment specifies that enrollees in a health plan must meet the criteria for testing established by the National Marrow Donor Program and sign an informed consent form at the time of testing along with an acknowledgment that the enrollee is willing to be a donor if a suitable match is found. Testing is limited to once per lifetime.

The amendment applies to all health plan policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-756)

This amendment is a minority report of the committee and replaces the bill.

The amendment requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for laboratory fees up to \$150 arising from human leukocyte antigen testing performed to establish bone marrow transplantation suitability, and prohibits carriers from imposing any cost-sharing requirement on enrollees for the test. The amendment specifies that enrollees in a health plan must meet the criteria for testing established by the National Marrow Donor Program and sign an informed consent form at the time of testing along with an acknowledgment that the enrollee is willing to be a donor if a suitable match is found. Testing is limited to once per lifetime. Unlike the majority report, this amendment limits the scope of coverage to immediate family members and donor drives conducted for a specified individual donee.

The amendment applies to all health plan policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 603 requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for laboratory fees up to \$150 arising from human leukocyte antigen testing performed to establish bone marrow transplantation suitability, and prohibits carriers from imposing any cost-sharing requirement on enrollees for the test. The law specifies that enrollees in a health plan must meet the criteria for testing established by the National Marrow Donor Program and sign an informed consent form at the time of testing along with an acknowledgment that the enrollee is willing to be a donor if a suitable match is found. Testing is limited to once per lifetime.

The law applies to all health plan policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.