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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 541**

Introduced by Walz, 15.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to anatomical gifts; to amend section 71-4819,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating
- 3 to public education regarding bone marrow donors; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-4819, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 71-4819 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
4 educate residents of the state about:

5 (a) The need for bone marrow donors;

6 (b) Patient populations benefiting from bone marrow donations;

7 (c) How to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow  
8 registry;

9 (d) (b) The procedures required to become registered as a potential  
10 bone marrow donor, including the procedures for determining tissue type;  
11 and

12 (e) (c) The medical procedures a donor must undergo to donate bone  
13 marrow and the attendant risks of the procedures.

14 (2) The department shall make special efforts to educate and recruit  
15 persons of racial and ethnic minorities to volunteer as potential bone  
16 marrow donors.

17 (3) The department may use the press, radio, and television and may  
18 place educational materials in appropriate health care facilities, blood  
19 banks, and state and local agencies. The department, in conjunction with  
20 the Director of Motor Vehicles, shall make educational materials  
21 available at all places where motor vehicle operators' licenses are  
22 issued or renewed.

23 Sec. 2. Original section 71-4819, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is repealed.