

HB 1953 -- BONE MARROW REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Neely

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop information regarding the bone marrow registry. A primary care provider or urgent care physician may inquire of a new patient who is 18 or older and under 45 whether he or she is registered with the bone marrow registry. If the patient is not registered, the provider or physician will provide the patient with the information from the department.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow doctors an easy means to spread information regarding the bone marrow registry to new patients who are not already registered.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Neely.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.