



# HOUSE BILL 867: Knight-LeCount Advocacy for Marrow Ed. & Reg.

2019-2020 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 29, 2019
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Holley, Lewis, Carney, Hurley	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Wendy Ray
<b>Analysis of:</b>	First Edition		Staff Attorney

**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 867 would do the following to raise awareness about bone marrow donation and transplantation in North Carolina:

- Designate November as Marrow Donation Awareness Month.
- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to make a medically accurate public service announcement regarding bone marrow donation available on its website.
- Require the Division of Motor Vehicles to provide a link to the public service announcement on its website and to broadcast it on monitors in drivers license offices.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S501, as introduced by Sens. Smith, Hise, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**BACKGROUND:** The National Marrow Donor Program operates the Be the Match Registry, which allows individuals age 18 and older to register to donate bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells to patients in need. There are over 70 diseases that can be treated by bone marrow transplant.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 867 would raise awareness about bone marrow donation and encourage North Carolina residents to consider joining a donation registry by designating November as Marrow Donation Awareness Month and requiring the following of State agencies:

- The Department of Health and Human Services would be required to make available on its website a medically accurate public service announcement regarding donation and transplantation that provides information sufficient to allow an individual to make an informed decision about joining a registry.
- The Division of Motor Vehicles would be required to make available on its website a link to the Department of Health and Human Services public service announcement. It would also be required to broadcast the announcement on monitors in drivers license offices across the State.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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