

1 AN ACT relating to a bone marrow registry.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Department for Public Health shall develop a statewide education,*
6 *awareness, and information program on bone marrow registries in the*
7 *Commonwealth. The program shall include, but not be limited to, information*
8 *about:*

9 *(a) The need for bone marrow donations;*

10 *(b) Patient populations that would benefit from bone marrow donations;*

11 *(c) How to join a bone marrow registry; and*

12 *(d) How to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow registry.*

13 *(2) The Department for Public Health shall disseminate the bone marrow education,*
14 *awareness, and information program materials established in this section on its*
15 *Internet Web site, electronically, and in any other manner determined by the*
16 *department to promote bone marrow donation education, awareness, and*
17 *information that can increase the understanding of bone marrow donation*
18 *among the general public of the Commonwealth.*

19 *(3) All primary health care practitioners and urgent treatment facility or urgent care*
20 *facility health care practitioners may inquire of new patients who are between*
21 *eighteen (18) years of age and forty-five (45) years of age, on new patient intake*
22 *forms, as to whether the patient is registered with a bone marrow registry in the*
23 *Commonwealth. If the patient states that he or she is not registered with a bone*
24 *marrow registry in the Commonwealth, the practitioner is encouraged to provide*
25 *the patient the information on bone marrow education, awareness, and*
26 *information program materials established in this section.*