

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 270

March 28, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives WIECKERT, M. WILLIAMS, KERKMAN, KESTELL, GRONEMUS, NISCHKE, KREIBICH, UNDERHEIM, MOLEPSKE, LEMAHIEU, AINSWORTH, KRAWCZYK, GARD, BALLWEG, HINES, HAHN, WOOD, BIES, OTT, GOTTLIEB, NASS, STRACHOTA, KLEEFISCH, MURSAU, OWENS, JESKEWITZ, GUNDERSON, MUSSER, DAVIS, PRIDEMORE, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, ALBERS and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM, LASSA, BRESKE, REYNOLDS, STEPP, ROESSLER, LAZICH, GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, A. LASEE and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.343 of the statutes; **relating to:** donation of newborn
2 umbilical cord blood.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the principal prenatal health care provider of a woman who is known to be pregnant to offer her, before her 35th week of pregnancy, information on the options to donate, to an accepting and accredited cord blood bank, blood bank, blood center, or plasma center, blood extracted from the umbilical cord of her newborn child, if the donation may be made without monetary expense to the woman, to any insurer providing health care coverage for the woman, or to the hospital in which the delivery occurs for collection or storage. The requirement to offer a pregnant woman the option of donating umbilical cord blood does not apply to a hospital that, or physician, nurse–midwife, nurse, or other hospital employee or contractor who, in writing, refuses to participate in the activity by reason of religion or personal conviction.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 146.343 of the statutes is created to read:

