



## 2005 SENATE BILL 127

March 18, 2005 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM, LASSA, BRESKE, REYNOLDS, A. LASEE, ROESSLER, LAZICH, GROTHMAN, COWLES, KAPANKE, STEPP and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Representatives WIECKERT, PETTIS, LEMAHIEU, NISCHKE, AINSWORTH, HINES, KERKMAN, BIES, OTT, PETROWSKI, OWENS, NASS, VRAKAS, MUSSER, GUNDERSON, DAVIS, PRIDEMORE, ALBERS, KREIBICH, M. WILLIAMS, KESTELL, GRONEMUS, UNDERHEIM, MOLEPSKE, KRAWCZYK, GARD, BALLWEG, HAHN, WOOD, GOTTLIEB, STRACHOTA, KLEEFISCH, MURSAU and JESKEWITZ. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

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

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### *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.

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*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:

**SENATE BILL 127****SECTION 1**

1           **146.343 Donation of newborn umbilical cord blood. (1)** In this section:

2           (a) “Hospital” has the meaning given in s. 50.33 (2).

3           (b) “Nurse” means a registered nurse who is licensed under s. 441.06 or  
4 permitted under s. 441.08.

5           (c) “Nurse–midwife” means an individual who is licensed to engage in the  
6 practice of nurse–midwifery under s. 441.15 (3) (a).

7           (d) “Physician” has the meaning given in s. 448.01 (5).

8           **(2)** Except as provided in sub. (3), the principal prenatal health care provider  
9 of a woman who is known to be pregnant shall, before the woman’s 35th week of  
10 pregnancy, offer her information on options to donate, to an accepting and accredited  
11 cord blood bank, blood bank, blood center, or plasma center, blood extracted from the  
12 umbilical cord of her newborn child, if the donation may be made without monetary  
13 expense for the collection or storage to the woman, to any insurer providing health  
14 care coverage for the woman, or to the hospital in which delivery occurs.

15           **(3)** Subsection (2) is inapplicable to a physician, nurse–midwife, nurse, or other  
16 hospital employee or contractor who, or a hospital that, in writing, refuses by reason  
17 of religion or personal conviction to participate in the activity specified in sub. (2).

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