

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; lowering the minimum age requirement for blood donation;
1.3 requiring parental consent; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 145.41.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 145.41, is amended to read:

1.6 **145.41 BLOOD DONATIONS, AGE OF DONOR.**

1.7 (a) Any person of the age of 17 years or over shall be eligible to donate blood in
1.8 any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the necessity of obtaining
1.9 parental permission or authorization.

1.10 (b) A person who is 15 or 16 years of age may donate blood in a voluntary and
1.11 noncompensatory blood program if the person obtains written permission from the
1.12 person's parent or guardian.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.