

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~~ may 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 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, 2008.