

P.L. 2009, CHAPTER 58, *approved May 6, 2009*  
Assembly, No. 3580

**AN ACT** concerning blood donation and amending P.L.1971, c355.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.1971,c.355 (C.9:17A-6) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. Any person of the age of 17 years or over can consent to donate blood in any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the necessity of obtaining parental permission or authorization. Such consent shall be valid and binding as if the person had achieved his majority, and shall not be subject to later disaffirmance because of minority.

b. Any person of the age of 16 years may donate blood in any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program with the written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian or other legally responsible adult, as appropriate.

(cf: P.L.2002,c.79,s.1).

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would permit a person to donate blood at 16 years of age with the written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian or other legally responsible adult, as appropriate. The bill retains the current minimum age for donating blood without parental permission or authorization at 17 years of age.

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Permits person to donate blood at 16 years of age with parental consent.