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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 159

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BLOOD BANK.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend Section 5114, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through  
2 and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           ~~§ 5114. Membership in Blood Bank of Delaware.~~

4           ~~(a) The State shall pay the annual dues for membership in Blood Bank of Delaware for each officer, employee and~~  
5 ~~retiree of the State not otherwise covered under an individual or group program of Blood Bank of Delaware. Officers,~~  
6 ~~employees and retirees otherwise covered by an individual or group plan may elect the benefits provided by this section.~~

7           ~~(b) For the purpose of this section, an employee is one who works at least 30 hours per week, 130 hours per month~~  
8 ~~or the regularly scheduled fulltime hours of the employing agency.~~

9           ~~(c) Membership in Blood Bank of Delaware provides dependent coverage; therefore, where spouses are employees~~  
10 ~~or retirees of the State, either may choose membership and no monetary benefit shall accrue to the other spouse.~~

11           ~~(d) All persons receiving the benefits of this section must comply with Blood Bank of Delaware membership~~  
12 ~~obligations.~~

13           ~~(e) The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall be responsible for the administration of this~~  
14 ~~section.~~

SYNOPSIS

This Act removes membership with the Blood Bank of Delaware as a recognized benefit by the State due to changes in policies in how hospitals and insurance companies bill for blood replacement and blood replacement procedures.

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