

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1843

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1843 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 6.21 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.21 new)

7 Sec. 6.21. Umbilical cord blood donation.

8 (a) All licensed hospitals shall offer a pregnant  
9 patient the option to donate, to a publicly accessible  
10 certified cord blood bank, blood extracted from the umbilical  
11 cord following the delivery of a newborn child if the  
12 donation can be made at no expense to the patient or hospital  
13 for collection or storage.

14 (b) Nothing in this Section obligates a hospital to  
15 collect umbilical cord blood if, in the professional judgment  
16 of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its  
17 branches or a nurse, the collection would threaten the health  
18 of the mother or child.

19 (c) Nothing in this Section imposes a requirement upon  
20 any hospital employee, physician, nurse, or hospital that is  
21 directly affiliated with a bona fide religious denomination  
22 that includes as an integral part of its beliefs and

1 practices the tenet that blood transfer is contrary to the  
2 moral principles the denomination considers to be an  
3 essential part of its beliefs."