

HOUSE No. 2234

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Mahoney and Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to source plasma donation centers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John J. Mahoney</i> | <i>13th Worcester</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i> | <i>16th Worcester</i> | <i>3/22/2023</i> |

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By Representative Mahoney of Worcester and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2234) of John J. Mahoney and Michael O. Moore relative to source plasma donation centers. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2782 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to source plasma donation centers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 111O the following
2 chapter:-

3 Chapter 111P.

4 Section 1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following words shall have the
5 following meanings unless the context or subject matter clearly requires otherwise:-

6 “Department”, the department of public health.

7 “Source plasma donation center”, a facility where source plasma is collected by
8 plasmapheresis.

9 “Source plasma”, the fluid portion of human blood collected by plasmapheresis and
10 intended as source material for further manufacturing use. The definition excludes single donor
11 plasma products intended for intravenous use.

12 “Plasmapheresis”, a procedure in which, during a single visit to the facility, blood is
13 removed from an individual, the source plasma separated from the formed elements, and at least
14 the red blood cells are returned to the donor.

15 Section 2. A source plasma donation center may collect source plasma through
16 plasmapheresis and may employ a person to perform total protein tests pursuant to regulations of
17 the department.

18 Section 3. (a) The department shall establish requirements for registration of source
19 plasma donation centers in the commonwealth that are consistent with federal requirements,
20 including 42 CFR 493, 21 CFR Subchapter F. The department shall approve and issue
21 certificates of registration and shall maintain a list of registered source plasma donation centers.

22 (b) The regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, laws governing staff
23 supervision, training, and duties, including but not limited to, requirements for performing total
24 protein tests using digital refractometers in a source plasma donation center.

25 (c) The department shall collect and establish registration fees, investigate complaints,
26 and take appropriate disciplinary action for violations of the regulations to protect the public
27 health, safety, and welfare.

28 Section 4. Blood or blood products obtained from a paid donor shall not be used for
29 transfusion; provided, however, that blood or blood products obtained from a paid donor may be

30 used for transfusion if the physician and surgeon performing the transfusion has determined,
31 taking into consideration the condition of the patient who is the recipient of the transfusion, that
32 other blood of a type compatible with the blood type of the patient cannot reasonably be obtained
33 for transfusion.