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**BLOOD BANKING**

**House Bill 5144**

**Sponsor: Rep. Sharon Gire**

**Committee: Public Health**

**Complete to 1-22-92**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5144 AS INTRODUCED 9-24-91**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require physicians to notify their surgery patients that the patient could store his or her own blood for transfusion during the planned surgery.

More specifically, within 120 days after the bill took effect, a physician who does surgery would be required to inform each surgical patient who was scheduled for surgery and who might need a blood transfusion that the patient could store his or her own blood for the transfusion. Within 90 days of the bill's enactment, the Department of Public Health would have to develop and distribute standardized, written summaries (written in nontechnical language and in both English and Spanish) free, upon request, to health professionals (including physicians) and health facilities and agencies. Other people could get copies of the summary from the department at cost. Physicians would be in compliance with the bill's requirements if they presented the standardized form to the patient long enough before the planned surgery so that the patient could store his or her blood. The patient notification requirement would not apply in emergency medical conditions or if there were medical contraindications.

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