



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5024**

LCO No. 4

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
REP. DREW, 132nd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
BONE MARROW TESTING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 700c of the general statutes be amended to require  
2 individual health insurance policies and group health insurance  
3 policies to provide coverage for expenses arising from human  
4 leukocyte antigen testing for utilization in bone marrow  
5 transplantation. Such policies shall not impose an out-of-pocket  
6 expense exceeding twenty per cent of the cost of such testing per year,  
7 and shall (1) require that such testing be performed in a facility  
8 accredited by the American Society for Histocompatibility and  
9 Immunogenetics and certified under the Clinical Laboratory  
10 Improvement Act, and (2) limit coverage to individuals who complete  
11 and sign a consent form that also authorizes the results of the test to be  
12 used for participation in the National Marrow Donor Program. Such  
13 policies may limit such coverage to a lifetime maximum benefit of one  
14 testing.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require health insurance coverage for expenses arising from bone marrow testing.