By: Shofner H.B. No. 231

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to autologous and direct blood donations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 162, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 162.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.021. AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATION. (a) A blood bank shall comply with a physician's order prescribing for an individual an autologous or direct blood donation.

(b) A blood bank may charge a fee in an amount reasonable and necessary to cover the blood bank's administrative cost of facilitating an autologous or direct blood donation a physician orders under Subsection (a).

(c) This section may not be construed to authorize a direct blood donation that does not meet federal and state laws and rules applicable to an anonymous blood donation.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.013. AUTOLOGOUS AND DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS. (a) A hospital licensed under this chapter that facilitates blood donations shall allow an individual on whom a medical procedure is to be performed to provide an autologous or direct blood donation a physician orders for the procedure.

(b) This section may not be construed to authorize a direct blood donation that does not meet federal and state laws and rules

applicable to an anonymous blood donation.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.