

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
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As Engrossed: H2/14/07 S2/22/07

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1289

5 By: Representative Burris  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY OF  
10 EACH YEAR "HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS DAY"; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 MAY OF EACH YEAR "HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS  
16 DAY".  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1 is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 1-5-116. Hemophilia Awareness Day.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Hemophilia is the name of several hereditary genetic  
26 illnesses that impair the body's ability to control bleeding;

27 (2) Hemophilia is characterized by excessive, uncontrollable  
28 bleeding caused by missing or low-level clotting factor in the blood;

29 (3) Hemophiliac bleeding may occur even when a sufferer has  
30 sustained no injury;

31 (4) Hemophiliac bleeding most often occurs in the joints and in  
32 the head;

33 (5) Approximately twenty thousand (20,000) citizens nationwide  
34 are suffering from hemophilia, and one (1) in each five thousand (5,000) live  
35 males births in the United States results in hemophilia;

36 (6) Hemophilia affects males almost exclusively, affecting one



1 in five thousand (1 in 5,000) males;

2 (7) Hemophilia occurs in all demographic groups;

3 (8) There is no cure for hemophilia; and

4 (9) Hemophilia is a lifelong condition that can be controlled  
5 with regular injections of the deficient clotting factor.

6 (b) The first Monday in May of each year shall be known in Arkansas as  
7 "Hemophilia Awareness Day".

8 (c) Hemophilia Awareness Day shall not be a legal holiday but shall be  
9 a memorial day to be commemorated by the issuance of an appropriate  
10 proclamation by the Governor.

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