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Commonwealth of Australia¹

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Sex Discrimination (Barriers to Blood
Donation) Amendment Bill 2021
No. , 2021**

The Honourable UnknownTrainor.

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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* to amend the restrictions on donations of blood, and for related purposes.

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Barriers to Blood Donation Amendment Act 2021*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day after the end of the period of three months beginning on the day this Act receives the Presidential Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

4 Extension to the States

This Act is made under section 51(xxiiA) of the Australian Constitution.

5 Objects of this Act

The objects of this Act are:

- (a) To remove barriers unfairly stopping LGBTQIA+ people from donating blood; and
- (b) Redefine key definitions to allow an increase of blood donations.

Schedule 1—Amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act 1984

Sex Discrimination Act 1984

1 Section 26 (1) (a)

Repeal the paragraph

3 Section 26 (2) (c)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(c) the blood is tested after being received by a blood bank.

3 Section 26 (4) (a)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

contaminated means a blood sample has impurities not normally found in blood, that may compromise the safety of the blood sample.

4 Section 26 (4)

Insert:

Medical practitioner has the same definition as outlined in the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Blood bank means a place where supplies of blood or plasma for transfusion are stored.