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SYNOPSIS

Codifies Lyme disease reporting requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of Lyme disease and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A licensed health care professional shall report any
8 person with a confirmed diagnosis of Lyme disease to the health
9 officer of the jurisdiction where the individual lives, or if unknown,
10 where the diagnosis is made, within 24 hours of diagnosis. If the
11 health officer is unavailable, the report shall be made to the
12 Department of Health.

13 b. The report shall include the name, age, date of birth, gender,
14 race, ethnicity, home address, and telephone number of the person
15 who is infected with the disease; the date of onset of illness; the
16 name, address, institution, and telephone number of the reporting
17 official; and such other information as may be required by the
18 Department of Health.

19 c. A licensed health care professional who fails to report a
20 confirmed diagnosis of Lyme disease pursuant to the provisions of
21 this act may receive written notification of this failure and a
22 warning. Responsible parties who continue to fail to comply with
23 these reporting requirements after receiving a warning, shall be
24 subject to a fine pursuant to the provisions of R.S.26:4-129.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill codifies Lyme disease reporting required by regulation,
32 pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-1.1 et seq., into statute.

33 Specifically, the bill provides that licensed health care
34 professionals are required to report confirmed cases of Lyme
35 disease to the health officer of the jurisdiction where the individual
36 lives, or if unknown, where the diagnosis is made, within 24 hours
37 of diagnosis. If the health officer is unavailable, the report is to be
38 made to the Department of Health.

39 Pursuant to the bill, responsible parties who fail to comply with
40 these reporting requirements may receive written notification and a
41 warning. Further failure to comply will result in a fine of between
42 \$10 and \$100, pursuant to the provisions of R.S.26:4-129.